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Dr. Robert A. Kehoe,

Dear Bob:

As you undoubtedly have learned from Dr. Kitzmiller I went to Savannah at the same time he was there in connection with the trouble at Standard Oil of Kentucky's Terminal Plant. As soon as I find time I intend to make up a brief report to submit to Mr. E. M. Clark. This was requested by John Schaefer prior to his sailing for Europe inasmuch as Mr. Clark had requested that he be advised. The report in question would only duplicate the facts as Dr. Kitzmiller has given them to you; in fact, the bulk of my own information was obtained from Carl.

The point that I wish to make here, however, is that I am not quite sure that everyone fully realizes the extent to which safety and precautionary methods must be carried out and if there is to be any discussion of rules or regulations to be established on future tank cleaning I should appreciate being allowed to sit in as a substitute for John when the committee comprised of yourself and Oscar Lewis convene.

It is my feeling that if we expect to accomplish anything through appointing one man to a division to supervise all blending conditions he must be vested with sufficient authority to insist that safety measures be followed even though at times they might appear ridiculous. By this, specifically, I have reference to an empty tank which we inspected at Standard's Terminal which had been cleaned incorrectly some months ago. There was no evidence of the presence of any tetraethyl lead or triethyl lead compound. On the other hand, when I suggested that any man entering a tank in the future should be required to wear full safety equipment the idea was very lightly received. I can appreciate the attitude of the refinery men in an instance such as this but I feel that they do not realize the necessity of carrying safety to the point where you are admittedly overshooting your goal in an effort to attain that goal as nearly as possible.

I wish to acknowledge your letter of September 6 addressed to John in connection with your comments on the proofs of the new regulations for handling and mixing ETHYL Fluid on both booklet and placard form. I have duly noted your remarks with regard to repetition as questioned by John and will submit the proofs for printing in accordance with your wishes. I have discussed the question of separation of the two headings on the placards with the printer to call attention to the special regulations as differentiated from the general. As you suggest, we are enlarging these placards to the large standard size in order to accomplish this set-up. I will forward copies of the finished job for your final inspection and approval.

Very truly yours,

