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Dear Mr. Fossett,

I omitted to inform you on my return from the States that Doctor Kehoe had agreed in certain cases, at my discretion, to discontinue the use by blenders of the rubber aprons and white caps. This followed on a discussion which we had regarding the complaints made by blenders in hot countries regarding the weight of the equipment which they were forced to wear.

For your information, based on the authority which I obtained from Doctor Kehoe, I have agreed to the blenders in Curacao, Aruba and Talara discontinuing the use of rubber aprons and white caps.

Doctor Kehoe and I also discussed the possibility of using a different type of gloves and a lighter gas mask.

As regards the gloves, Doctor Kehoe informed me that he would prefer men to wear no gloves at all rather than to permit the use of a different type of gloves which would not offer full protection and which would give the men a false sense of security. In view of Doctor Kehoe's advice I have not suggested any change in this respect.

In regard to the mask, Doctor Kehoe will only agree to their being replaced by air line masks. I discussed the possibility of this in Curacao and Aruba but we came to the conclusion that air line masks would be cumbersome and offered no great advantage.

Yours very truly,

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cc Dr. R.A. Kehoe ✓

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