February 13

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Dear Mr. Allen:

Thank you for your letter of February 11. I am happy to hear that your two employes have been discharged from the hospital and presumably have recovered. There is no specific or specific first-aid treatment that can be advised so it would be of no value to put anything about first-aid treatment in our manual.

We do state that the vapors emitted by Arochlor at elevated temperatures are injurious upon prolonged exposure and should not be breathed. Of course, we affix the chlorinated label as required by many states. I am, however, appreciative of your suggestions and will look into this matter.

It may interest you to know that your case is only the second that I have heard of since 1940. I would be interested in knowing just how extensive the leaks were, how long, in minutes or hours, the men were exposed, and whether the exposure was for several days or for only one day.

Very truly yours,

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