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CHRYSLER BUILDING
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TO ALL DIVISION MANAGERS

Gentlemen:

We have just completed a compilation of figures showing the number of tank cleanings supervised by our representatives in September and October. You will recall that at our Division Managers Meetings we told you that as of the end of August our records indicated that our representatives were supervising the entrance of approximately one hundred and eight (108) tanks per month. In September we were requested to supervise entrances at two hundred fifty-four (254) tanks, and we have a record of two hundred sixty (260) tanks entered. In October our supervision was requested on four hundred twelve (412) tanks, and four hundred eighteen (418) tanks were entered.

This indicates that in September and October, we found it impossible to supervise tank entrances at six tank cleanings during each of the two months. In most of these cases, we are advised that lack of time interfered with the presence of one of our men and in each case, proper instructions were given by telephone to the individual having authority over the job.

These figures bear out the fact that our program is working almost 100%. We cannot believe that fewer tanks were entered for cleaning or repair in the past, and so we can only conclude that we are now getting thorough notification, whereas in the past such notice was spotty to say the least.

We realize, of course, that the necessity for supervision of tank cleaning has interfered with other work which is expected of you and your staff. It may be that in the future, we can figure out some way to cut down the amount of time and travel necessary for this job. However, that time has not, and probably will not arrive until such time as we have thoroughly educated the petroleum industry on the potential hazards of entering tanks which have contained leaded gasoline.

This bulletin is passed along to you mainly to show that our program is apparently working well. At least, we have no record of any accidents since this program was put into effect.

Very truly yours,

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