

May 12, 1937

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Dear Mr. Bevan:

The Safety Rules for Handling Ethyl Gasoline, which accompanied your letter of April 22nd, were apparently issued by the Jersey Company as the result of an attempt on their part to standardize their safety measures throughout all the companies in their association. I believe you realize that we have no responsibility for putting into force such regulations. The issuance of such regulations implies that the Anglo-American Oil Company has its own medical facilities, since, presumably, these are instructions issued by their head office. I have never attempted to dictate either safety measures or precautionary regulations for the handling of leaded gasoline in laboratories, nor are there any regulations now in effect for which we are in any way responsible except those which are in our book of regulations. My attitude would be that if they want these regulations carried out, they should provide the mechanism for so doing. Obviously we are interested in any real dangers to their laboratory workers, and for that reason our men in this country have done exactly as Dr. Boldero has done. We have looked into the situation from time to time and, if it seemed advisable to do so, we have examined certain members of the laboratory personnel for various distributing companies. I have no doubt Dr. Boldero will wish to continue this practice, but he has no obligation whatever to do more than his own judgment dictates. I leave it entirely up to him to decide whether he will comply with the request of Anglo-American to make the examinations called for in these safety rules. I, personally, do not consider these examinations necessary, or, perhaps, I should say that I do not think it necessary to do them so frequently.

In this connection I think you should disabuse Mr. Paul of the idea that we have authorized or have aided in the preparation of these regulations. He should be given to understand, I believe, that when we have

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regulations to issue, we shall do so directly. He should also understand that anything which Dr. Boldero does in this connection is as a matter of courtesy and personal professional judgment. It is distinctly not our intention to be instructed in these matters by the Safety Department of the Jersey Company.

Very truly yours,

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