

The COLUMBUS



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March 10, 1940

Mr. J. A. Costello,

Dear Joe:

This past week I secured the additional information that Dr. Kehoe desired regarding the Orange State Oil Company's tank cleanings in December, which you no doubt will want to pass on to him. Tank #201 in Tampa which had been used for spiking was cleaned during the period of December 6th to December 12th 1939. Mr. E. F. Glover was in charge of this cleaning and the following men

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cleaning job was being done only as a protection against gas fumes.

Previous to the cleaning this tank was steamed for several days and the walls were kept wet during the entire period of cleaning. This tank is equipped with a floating type roof, and since the roof was only three or four feet above the bottom it was very difficult to clean, and Mr. Glover saw no reason for burdening his men with gas masks as long as no gas hazard existed. None of the above men wore rubber gloves and I was advised that only Hubbard wore rubber boots.

Both Mr. H. N. Glover, Construction Engineer and Mr. E. F. Glover, Construction Foreman were out of Miami this week, but Mr. R. W. Van Brunt, Secretary for Orange State instructed them to be here Saturday morning for a conference with me, at which time the above information was secured.

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Mr. Van Brunt asked me to advise Dr. Kehoe that they would appreciate very much a copy of his final report on this case. Mr. Van Brunt advised me that to date no legal proceedings have been inaugurated in this case.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. H. Phipps".

W. H. PHIPPS

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