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Dear Doctor Brown:

I have read with a great deal of interest
the clinical record of your patient Mr. [REDACTED]

It would seem that the chief complaint and
present illness suggest the probability of some obscure
infectious agent as being responsible for the symptoms
noted. This is more likely because of the presence of
low-grade fever which seldom or never is associated with
chemical intoxications of mild degree except as the result
of some complicating factor. The nausea and vomiting and
psychasthenic symptoms noted may be associated with chronic
gasoline intoxication though this is unlikely because of
the relatively insignificant nature of the occupational
exposure commonly encountered in refinery laboratory work.
However, because of personal idiosyncrasy, gasoline vapor
inhalation might well initiate or exaggerate these symptoms
in the presence of illness from other cause.

I should think that if fever persists a renewed
search for the responsible factor should be initiated
including repetition of the laboratory work noted and a blood
culture if thought feasible.

The essentially negative character of the physical
examination, chest X-ray and laboratory findings are
interesting in view of the rather long duration of the
illness, and I am glad to know that your latest interview
with Mr. [REDACTED] indicates that he is greatly improved.

Thank you for your immediate attention and
complete record.

Sincerely yours,

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