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Attention: Mr. G. Rosser

Dear Alan,

Pan American Airways have experienced some trouble with deposits in containers that have been used for Aviation Ethyl gasoline. Dr. Edgar has brought this matter to our attention and apparently the deposit is in the nature of a de-composition product of tetraethyl lead. Further analysis is going on, but in the meantime, there is something I believe you or a capable safety engineer can do for us.

Mr. H. W. Toomey is their development engineer in Miami. I think he has some questions to ask regarding cleaning of containers and whether or not they enter these containers, I do not know. Presumably, if they are tanks which are entered for cleaning, our regular cleaning precautions should be followed. If the situation is different doubtless our advice should vary accordingly.

In particular, I wish you would develop just how it occurs that certain of their men have been exposed to de-composition salts to the extent they have noticed irritation in the nose, which results in sneezing. If you can supply Mr. Toomey with enough information to satisfy him entirely, this will be fine; otherwise, it may be our Medical Department will wish to take a hand in the case.

We will appreciate your attending to this as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Dr. L. W. Sanders

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