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Dear Captain Balajiva:

A short time ago I received information by way of the London office of the Associated Ethyl Company Ltd., to the effect that you had agreed to carry on the medical treatment of workmen who would be engaged in mixing Ethyl with gasoline at the Government Fuel Department plant in Chongnonsari. Shortly after this I met with Mr. Allen Tully in this country after his return from Australia. You will probably remember him as the gentleman who interviewed you in connection with this work. Mr. Tully has reported that the construction of the contemplated mixing plant does correspond with the specifications provided by the Associated Ethyl Company Ltd., and that it is approved for use unless changes are made in accordance with agreements entered into by the management of the plant. I wish to make quite clear to you that in my opinion it is not advisable for the Ethyl Company to assume any responsibility whatever for the safety of this plant and for the care of the workmen until and unless it is modified to correspond with the general methods for building and operating similar plants. I would appreciate it very much if you make such efforts as you can on behalf of the Ethyl Company to see that the management understands the gravity of this matter. The design of the plant, the construction of various safety features and the way in which it is operated with it are not matters of arbitrary judgment but rather dependent upon our experience over many years on the handling of this occupation. I am sure that every precaution be taken in the handling of concentrated Fluid; otherwise it is practically certain that accidents will occur and that men will be injured. As a medical man you can not be indifferent to this situation. Obviously if men are injured in this way you may find it necessary to take care of them.

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can not influence the people in question to and to operate it in accordance with our in If they will not do this, we shall have to d what to do, but if you will let me know wha keeping me fully informed of all developmen know how to advise you.

Under separat sending you a series of published articles laboratory on various phases of the problem Fluid and leaded gasoline. As you will see articles, the gasoline after it is mixed is more dangerous than ordinary gasoline. The however, is a dangerous material and must b with great respect.

Under the cir as they now exist at the plant in question, not wish you to undertake the examination o in preparation for the mixing operations or mixing operations begin, unless, as I have the plant is rebuilt in accordance with our ments. However I would like you to assume sibility for representing me in a medical w negotiations with the officials of the Gove Department, and I shall see that you proper for any efforts which you are able to make If we find that we can go ahead with the re supervision of the workmen, you will be com a mutually agreeable basis through arrangeme of the London office of the Associated Ethy

I am sending letter to the London office for their infor they will appreciate the instructions which you.

I shall be ve to hear from you, acknowledging the receipt and also the receipt of the published work sending you. I shall be glad to answer any which may be raised by you, if possible, an

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Robert

cc Mr. Possett

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