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Dear Doctor Otolina:

I just received word that leaded gasoline is to be blended in the near future in Venezuela by the Shell people at their San Lorenzo refinery, and by the Jersey people as well. This brings me to wish to complete the arrangements discussed with you by my associate, Dr. Machle, some time ago and referred to in my letter of December 22, 1938.

Mr. Lester Roberts, who is in charge of technical and commercial matters for Ethyl Export Corporation in South America, will get in touch with you shortly, no doubt, and will keep you acquainted with the progress of developments in the construction of blending plants and in the arrangement for commercial activities.

I am glad indeed that our connection with you has been established and that we shall be able to have the supervision of the workmen carried out in accordance with our general program. As I indicated to you in my previous letter, I shall be glad to hear from you from time to time as to the progress of affairs in Venezuela, and I shall be glad to have your prompt confirmation of your willingness to carry on this work.

I have no doubt that certain questions as to the general public health aspect of the use of leaded gasoline in Venezuela will arise. If any difficulties occur in this connection, I would appreciate your letting me know about them. As you are now doubtless aware, this problem has been investigated with considerable care, and I believe we are in position to say without any doubt that there are no significant dangers to the community in connection with the use and distribution of this gasoline. It is our experience, however, that this question arises with increased vigor whenever the product is introduced into

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a new country. I should imagine that your country
will be no exception.

Cordially yours,

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