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Dr. W. F. de Priester
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Batavia

Dear Doctor de Priester:

I have recently received word of the wish of the Asiatic Petroleum Company to have you supervise one of their plants in which Ethyl Fluid is to be mixed with gasoline. In as much as your colleague Dr. Hammacher has been engaged at one of the other plants at this same time, I have written him a somewhat detailed letter on this subject, and rather than repeat this letter, I am sending you a copy of it for your information.

From what has been said to Dr. Hammacher, I would not want you to believe that there are no dangers in connection with this work, and that the supervision of these men should be undertaken lightly. I believe that care and attention to detail is quite necessary in order to maintain a proper attention on the part of workmen to the details of the regulations. It is true that the examination and inspections need not be carried out more frequently than quarterly. On the other hand these examinations should be done quite carefully and the plants should be inspected quite critically so as to maintain them in a precise and cleanly fashion.

If you have any questions in connection with this work, I should appreciate your writing to me and, in any case, I would like you to acknowledge the receipt of the information which I am sending you in the form of printed articles.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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