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Dear Doctor Giroire:-

I send you herewith the results of the analyses of the samples of urine which came to us from the plant at Paimboeuf some weeks ago. I dare say you will be gratified, as I am, to find that there are no examples of dangerously high results. As a matter of fact all of these results are well within the limits of our findings among workmen in industries that we regard as entirely safe. The mean of these results is also gratifying low. On calculation it turns out to be 0.049 plus or minus 0.003. I should consider it likely that these results would be found to increase to some degree by the time the next set of samples have been analyzed. I would expect that it might go as high as 0.07 or 0.08 among your group of workmen. If conditions are maintained in the plant as they should be, I do not believe the results will increase beyond the figure indicated above, although there may be instances among individuals somewhat higher than this level.

In the list of occupations which you have given me previously, it has been a little difficult for me to determine just where the person in question works in the plant. I would appreciate it very much if you would let me have this information at your convenience. As an example of what I mean, we list the men as "autoclave operators, still operators, alloy workers etc.". If you would indicate opposite each man's name the building in which he works and the floor on which most of his work is done, I shall be able to identify their location from my knowledge of the construction of the plant.

I have received this morning from Mr. Devys a notation to the effect that the samples of feces are on their way to me. These will be analyzed as promptly as possible and the results will be reported to you in due course.

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With my kindest personal
regards to yourself and your associates, I am

Cordially yours,

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