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Dear Bob:

The letter from Cousteau about the lead drums is another chapter in an unfortunate incident that occurred back in 1974 when the "Cavtat", a Yugoslavian ship carrying Octel drums sank off of Italy following a collision with another ship.

The matter has been the subject of considerable official investigation by the Italian authorities and a considerable amount of work by Octel. While we are not directly involved, we have of course followed the matter with considerable interest.

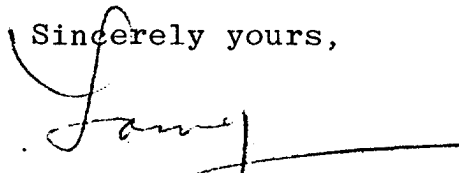
For background, I am enclosing a fairly short but good summary of the matter consisting of a report by Octel dated October 20, 1976.

More recently, Cousteau himself has contacted Gary Ter Haar claiming that he had been retained by the Italian authorities to arrive at a solution. He purported to want to involve Ethyl on some international committee. We were generally impressed with his candid approach but decided that we should leave this problem up to Octel.

I must admit that I am quite disappointed to see that he seems to be using the incident in a flamboyant way to solicit subscriptions to his magazine instead of trying to keep the matter in proper scientific focus. I am sure we have not heard the last of the incident.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



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