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Dear Mr. Bevan:

In as much as I have not replied to your letter of August 25th concerning the inspection of mixing plants in the far East, I take this means of letting you know that I am in full agreement as to the advisability of referring this question to Mr. Tegner on his return from his Eastern trip.

In a report of Mr. Thenault's on the Saint-Ouen plant of Standard Francaise des Petroles of July 16th, there is the following notation at the bottom, "Since two men are employed, an arrangement has been made so that each man does actually six mixes per month". The number of mixes per month is reported as twelve. I wish you would call Mr. Thenault's attention to the fact that our regulations as to the number of mixes per month do not concern themselves with the number of men employed in shifts. Rather the number of mixes per month refers specifically to the total number in the plant per month. My attitude on this question is that if it is necessary to make 12 mixes per month at any mixing plant, then it is certain that the mixing plant is not adequate for the business being carried on. We have not authorized the use of more than one group of mixing men and I do not consider this a good practice. Rather it is our intention to see that the mixing plants are so adequately constructed and so adjusted to the magnitude of business, that it will not be necessary to operate them more than six times per month. I would suggest, therefore, that he look into this plant and see what the circumstances are which make it necessary to do such frequent mixing. If the plant is too small, it must be enlarged, and in my opinion he should not temporize with such a situation by artificially reducing the exposure per man.

Very truly yours,

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