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Dear Dr. Sayers:

I understand from the attorneys for the Standard Oil Company in South Carolina that you have been interviewed on several occasions with regard to the significance of occupational exposure to Ethyl gasoline, and specifically in relation to a case of alleged eye injury to one [REDACTED] of Bennettsville, South Carolina. On going through my file some time ago I found I had no record of this case and I assume that in all likelihood no record of it was transmitted to you. I am not sure this was the case. It seems that quite some time ago the file went through my hands and was returned to New York without being copied. This was probably because I regarded the complaint as too trifling to merit any further investigation. In any case there was a slip-up on my part, I believe, in not transmitting to you any report on the case. I do not consider it worth either your while or mine to supply you with a complete transcript of the legal and other information on the case, but I shall be glad to supply you with any further information which you may wish if the appended notation should in any way be unsatisfactory for your purposes. I have just returned from Bennettsville where his case went to court. I was told while there that a number of cases were pending and would be influenced in very large measure by the outcome of this case. I have knowledge of only one such case and I am sending you such information as I have on it also. In view of the apparent insignificance of the matter, I do not consider it worth while to make further investigation.

Complaints of injury from other parts of the country have been very few and far between during recent months. I am sending along to you herewith notations on all which have come to my attention since I last reported to you. I trust that activities in this direction will continue to be infrequent during the next two months for I hope to get away on a vacation at a very early date.

With kindest personal regards,

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