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June 9, 1959

Memorandum to:

Mr. O. B. Lewis

In your letter of May 29, you reported difficulty in the unloading of EBAX 605 at Sinclair's Argentine plant and attached a copy of a letter from Mr. Thomas, our safety engineer. You also mentioned that this was the second or third report of this nature in the last few weeks and raised the question as to whether there was an increase in the amount of sludge going forward in Fluid at this time. As far as we know, there has been absolutely no increase.

We might point out that the performance of cars is not necessarily uniform with sludge present. In some cases it is theoretically possible to have a large deposit without knowing any difficulty, whereas it is also possible for the presence of only a small quantity to lead to trouble. As evidence of this latter condition, we refer you to our recent report on T-8, the tank truck which presented difficulty in unloading at Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, Bayonne. This truck was found to be absolutely free of sludge upon return, and the standpipes were in excellent condition.

Undoubtedly the location for collection of sludge around the well and standpipe of a car would be more apt to give trouble. At the same time, we could see how non-uniform distribution of a small amount might cause partial and momentary blockage, but once this was freed, the difficulty would be removed.

In the case of EBAX 605, this car had made seven trips prior to its last cleaning, and in our opinion the difficulty at Argentine was a result of cumulative deposit of material in the car.

Needless to say, upon return from Argentine we pulled the dome, checked the standpipes, and cleaned the car, so that it is now in first-class condition.

For your information we attempt to keep a close watch over the build up of sludge in cars in order to prevent as much trouble as possible in the field. Whenever there is an increase in tare weight sufficient to indicate possible trouble, the cars are ordered for cleaning immediately. As a standing policy each car is cleaned at least once a year, and more frequently when justified. Also, ordinarily we make a thorough investigation and usually clean the car whenever we receive a report of difficulty as in the case of EBAX 605.

J. H. Schaefer

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May 29, 1939

Mr. John Schaefer
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New York City
New York

Dear John:-

I am writing to ask a favor of you in connection with a trip which is being made shortly by one of my associates Mr. Wilhelm Deichmann. Deichmann is receiving his Ph.D. degree in Physiology as a result of his studies with me, and his mother and father are coming to this country to pay him a visit in connection with his graduation. He is meeting them on their arrival on the S. S. New York on June 2nd. He does not anticipate any difficulty but since they are German citizens, there is, of course, the possibility that there might be some difficulty in their admission. Deichmann himself is quite capable of getting them out of any casual technical difficulties, and he will do this if necessary. On the other hand it might be necessary for him to be identified or to be assisted in some fashion by some one who is better acquainted with official methods than he is. Since I shall not be able to be in New York, I should feel much better if he could appeal to the New York office of Ethyl Gasoline Corporation if he should have the misfortune to run into obstacles. I think it highly improbable that he will find it necessary to call on you for anything, but I would appreciate it very much if you would see that one or two of the people in the New York office know who he is and what his connections are, in case he should find it necessary to call upon any of you for assistance.

I will instruct him to ask for you and if you are not there, to ask for your secretary, in which case he can be put in touch with someone who is available and who could provide him with the necessary advice and assistance.

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Robert A. Kenner, M.D.

Sincerely yours,

Please accept my sincere
thanks in advance for any inconvenience to which you
may be put in this connection.