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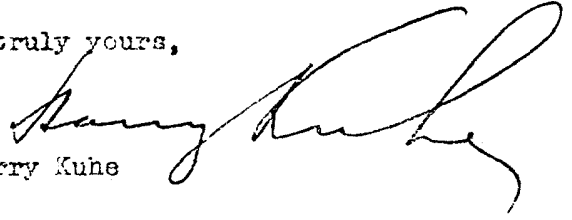
Mr. O. B. Lewis,

Dear Oscar:

Please find attached Mr. C. Fred  
Naylor's letter of October 26th, reporting on  
an accident during a tank cleaning at the  
Richfield Oil Company's bulk plant at Bellingham,  
Washington.

The nature of this accident is not  
serious and we are reporting same merely for  
your records.

Very truly yours,

  
Harry Kuhe

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cc Dr. W. F. Machle

October 26, 1940

Mr. Harry Kuhe,

Dear Harry:

This is merely to put on record a slight accident which occurred to the person who did the actual tank-cleaning of Tank #1586, Richfield Oil Company plant, Bellingham, Washington, October 21, 1940:

Name - [REDACTED]

Address - Sedro Woolley, Washington

Employer - Haskell Plumbing Company, Bellingham, Contractor  
Richfield Oil Company

J. F. Berridge, Foreman - Seattle Maintenance  
Superintendent

F. H. Podmore, General Maintenance Superintendent  
from Los Angeles

Nature of Accident: Hand operated suction pump was used to pump the sludge out of the tank. This was broken due to the high pressure built up by the sludge and the pressure consequently not released. Upon coming out of the tank and removing his mask, Mr. [REDACTED] endeavored to release the suction hose from the pump and wet sludge was thrown into his eyes. In my presence the attending physician, Dr. Lyle A. Greenwood, Harold Building, Bellingham, removed the pieces of sludge from Mr. [REDACTED] eyes and washed them with a saline solution, after which an ointment was applied. After eating lunch, Mr. [REDACTED] - at his own insistence and the approval of the Richfield representatives - returned to the tank and finished the job, requiring approximately one-half hour additional work after the accident. Except for the natural swelling of the eyes, no apparent ill effects resulted from the accident.

Very truly yours,

*C. F. Naylor*

C. Fred Naylor

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cc Mr. O. B. Lewis  
Dr. W. F. Machle ✓

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