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Dear Les:

I am sending you herewith a blue print supplied to me by Oscar Lewis, which I think may be of interest to you for two reasons.

First, some representatives of the Jersey company approached Lewis some time ago and asked his advice in connection with mixing operations of large volume in South America. Lewis informed them that any action with respect to such mixing blends would have to meet your approval before they could be carried out, but after some discussion with them, and at their request, he provided them with this drawing, which apparently satisfied them and pleased them very much. I call your attention specifically to the platform for the storage of drums and the six places equipped with facilities for emptying drums of Fluid and washing them out. This, of course, was designed for the purpose of enabling the drums to be emptied very rapidly into the storage tank from which subsequent mixing could be carried out. It occurs to me that you may hear directly or indirectly from representatives of the Jersey Company, for, if my information is correct, they were interested in this in connection with mixing operations at Aruba. I doubt if they would go ahead with plans of this type without consulting you, but in any case I think you should know that their development company is interested in mixing equipment of this type in South America.

My second reason is that you may be interested for other reasons in the application of mixing equipment on this principle in South America. There are several points at which large quantities of Fluid are handled, and it would seem that eventually certain other places would develop mixing operations of such volume as to render compliance with our regulations on the frequency of mixing, difficult of performance. Moreover, when a large volume of gasoline is to be mixed at one time, the emptying of the drums by the relatively slow process, may take such a period of time as to be unduly hazardous. In

either of these situations, that is, either undue frequency of mixing or undue length of time for a single mixing operation, equipment of this general type would be advantageous from an hygienic point of view. I see no reason why you should not consider the use of such equipment, and be prepared to inaugurate its use if and when it is desirable. I am not sure that the plan, as drawn up here, is the best for all purposes. I am sure, in any case, that you would examine into the whole situation and have plans drawn up in detail, which would provide for all the specifications, etc. You are already familiar with mixing equipment of this type, and you can also obtain assistance and information at any time you desire.

For your own protection, you may wish to leave the approval of the use of this equipment at specific points, to me. I do not necessarily urge this. I merely say that for your own protection, you may wish to follow the policy of putting these matters up to me, if and when they arise. In any case, you will wish to provide me with all the information in advance. Otherwise I should like you to provide me with the information at a convenient time, so that I shall know what is going on. My general feeling is that the use of mixing equipment of this type should be limited to specific situations, since it involves double handling of Fluid. On the other hand, I think you can see the advantages of its use when there is a large volume of mixing to be done, and it may be that you will want to obtain equipment of this type for certain points in the near future. In any case you should know what is going on in the minds of your customers, so as to be fully prepared to meet any proposals which they may bring to your attention.

Do not hesitate to let me know if you want any other information on this type of equipment at this time, or if you wish, do not hesitate to appeal directly to Lewis for information and assistance.

With kindest personal regards,

I am

Cordially yours,

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