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Dr. L. A. St. John
25 Charter Oak Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Dr. St. John:

I am writing to ask you if you would be kind enough to give us any recent information that you may have on Mr. [REDACTED] and the other two men who were exposed in tank cleaning last September a year ago.

We have heard indirectly that Debernardi has been complaining of symptoms which prompts us to write to you.

I have tried several times to get back to Hartford to see you and Mrs. St. John, but have, unfortunately, had business in every part of the country but New England. Please remember me most kindly to Mrs. St. John and believe me,

As ever yours,

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Willard F. Machle
Willard F. Machle, M.D.

Dear Dr. Machle —
glad to hear from you. Hope you & Mrs Machle
are enjoying fine health.
[REDACTED] & [REDACTED] both well & working - never
had any more trouble since their discharge. Considered Cured.
Dr. [REDACTED] has been literally raising HELL with
us. He complained of sleeplessness ever since he returned to
work & used that as an excuse to do as he pleased &
go in to work at any hour most convenient to him. He
got so he would not take orders from his superiors, that
they were forced to finally discharge him. As a result he,

got himself a number of lawyers - all Jewish gentlemen, who were anxious to champion his cause - but all of them dropped the case, as soon as they found out that the fellow was a nut. For there is no question whatever that he is of a low mentality.

Finally - he got hold of a Jewish lawyer, one of which variety is generally known as Genus Shyster. And we went to a compensation hearing. The result was that his symptoms (sleeplessness + forgetfulness) were all subjective symptoms and in spite of all our testimony (I myself + Dr. Cheek of N. Y. who came down for the hearing), the Commissioner decided that [redacted] should be given re-employment, by the company, otherwise he would find it necessary to fund for Di Bernard.

The result - [redacted] is back working for the company and I understand, behaving quite well - reporting on time + sleeping O.K.

My version of the whole thing is this - [redacted] was spoiled by too much sympathy. When I sent him back to work, I advised him to take things easy. To come in to work when + if he pleased. I gave him all the leeway in the world. He used his excuse of sleeplessness to good advantage. When it came to the point that the company was sick + tired of babying him - he played possum + claimed inability to sleep + therefore inability to report on time. Then he went to lawyers - Shysters - who played up the case hoping to make a nice fee + and [redacted] fell for the idea of suing for a lot of money. But - at the hearing he claimed all he wanted was a job + no money etc. whereas his lawyer - tried to get a settlement for total disability. The final outcome of it all was that [redacted] goes back to work for Socoxy - and his lawyer gets about 25⁰⁰ for his effort + all his legal battle. Best wishes to you + Mrs. Jacob.
Sincerely
D. A. Hahn