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Mr. C. L. Davidson
Mr. R. K. Scales
Dr. George Calingaert,
Mr. Sam Heron
Mr. Earl Bartholomew

Gentlemen:

A recent survey has been made of the use of liter cans of Ethyl Fluid, in view of the fact that the total number of such cans in use within a year is quite large. The problem of filling and handling these cans is of some consequence inasmuch as this is a hazardous operation, and it has always been my wish to reduce the use of these cans to the lowest possible number. With this idea in mind I brought the matter to the attention of those persons in the Corporation who are most concerned, and we came to the conclusion that a rather careful survey should be made of something like a dozen points at which a rather large number of cans are handled every year. One of those points was the Detroit Laboratory. The safety division of the sales department of the Corporation has been looking after this problem in a general way, and therefore Mr. Lewis has been requested to examine into this problem. Accordingly, one of the representatives of the safety division will soon arrange for a visit to the Detroit Laboratory in order to confer with you gentlemen on this entire subject. It is not intended that there should be any change in the procedure of handling Ethyl Fluid at the Detroit Laboratory, except insofar as better arrangements can be made from the point of view of both convenience and safety. The safety division has had broad experience with the problem of handling Ethyl Fluid, and they are completely familiar with the various types of equipment which are employed for this purpose. A full exchange of information on the manner in which fluid is handled at the Detroit Laboratory and the purposes which have to be fulfilled as well as the types of equipment which could be used advantageously for this handling is likely to be useful for all concerned. I hope that such a conversation might result in the reduction in the use of cans at the Detroit Laboratory. However, if in your judgment this is not desirable, you have only to say so and that will end the matter.

It is my suggestion that there should be the fullest exchange of information and that a report be made to me on the entire

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situation. I will bring it all to the attention of Dr. Sanders and I think that his consent to any change that is made will have to be obtained, inasmuch as he is the active representative of the medical department in Detroit. Dr. Sanders will be present at the time of the visit of the safety representative if this can be arranged. It seems probable, however, that he will be on an extended trip when this occurs, and therefore it will probably be best that he be informed of the matter through me.

I trust that this procedure will be satisfactory to everyone.

Sincerely yours,

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