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Dear Mr. Bevan:

I am sorry that I neglected to make specific mention of Mr. Thenault's suggestions for the revision of the Rules and Regulations. I did not ignore them but I did not consider it advisable to rewrite any of the Rules to suit the peculiar psychologic attitude of the French workmen. I believe the Rules should convey exactly the same instructions in all countries, and although there is no important principle at stake, I do not actually approve of making modifications merely to suit local conditions. It is worth while in this connection to point out the fact that the Rules which have been in use in France, as well as the placards which are posted at the mixing plants, have for some time had the exact wording with regard to food and drink that is contained in the present revision. Apparently this has not resulted in any cataclysm and consequently I do not quite see the point in making the indicated modifications.

As to the other two points, I did not consider the one on Page 2 - line 10 - as requiring any further explanation, and on Page 3 (a) I hesitate to lay down specific instructions. After all the location of these plants will have to be made on the best judgment which the representatives of the Ethyl Export Corporation and of the refineries can muster. I can imagine circumstances under which we would be unwilling to see a plant constructed, but in general after a contract has been entered into and arrangements have been made for mixing, it becomes necessary to locate the mixing plant as well as it can be done under the existing conditions. As you are doubtless aware, I have attempted to provide a set of rules which would be as specific as possible but which would not require making exceptions here and there. Consequently I hesitate at this time to add additional instructions which it might be necessary in some instances to ignore. You can well realize that if I had attempted to lay down detailed regulations which would suit all conditions,

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which might be met in this country or any where else in the world, I should have had a very complicated manual which it is doubtful if anybody could have followed. I hope to be able to keep these Regulations simple, precise, and yet comprehensive enough to obviate real dangers.

With kindest personal regards,

Cordially yours,

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