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Dear Dr. Smith:

Please pardon my tardiness in answering your good letter of September 24. I would be happy to meet with you wherever you find it possible to be in Chicago. I will be in [illegible], N. Y. attending the American Public Health Association meeting during the week of October 11. Otherwise, I will be available almost any time.

I should explain that the complaints I transmitted to you in my letter of September 10, were just as they were given to me by a few of the union people. I have had no opportunity to investigate or substantiate any of them. It may also be that the complaint about the plant's medical service antedated the new plant physician.

I will look forward to seeing you again. I am sure that by working together and exchanging information and ideas, we can contribute materially to the continuous improvement of labor-management relationships with respect to occupational health problems in this industry. I am glad to be able to report to you that the union convention delegate from the Lompoc plant, whom I saw in August, reported most favorably on the progress made in health safeguards and the generally pleasant and cooperative atmosphere that has developed in this plant. These men were also very complimentary of you and several management personnel specifically.

Sincerely yours,

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