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A. J. GENTHOLTH
ASST GENERAL ATTORNEY

February 12, 1934

Dr. A. J. Lanza, Ass't. Medical Director
Metropolitan Life Insurance Company
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Lanza:

Re: SILICOSIS

Beg to acknowledge with thanks receipt of your communication of the 7th instant, together with enclosures. This subject seems to be causing us a great deal of trouble at the present time, particularly with respect to our activities in Illinois. It may be of interest to you to know that the larger manufacturers in Chicago are determined to have the compensation law amended to include silicosis. We have taken the position that such a concession by the manufacturers in Illinois would open the flood gates for similar legislation all over the Country and consequently have refused to approve such procedure.

Very truly yours,

Assistant General Attorney
Republic Steel Corporation

AJG:MF

I appreciate very much the data furnished on this subject and hope you will continue to keep us...

THE EDWARD L. TRUDEAU FOUNDATION

POST OFFICE BOX 971
7 CHURCH STREET
SARANAC LAKE, N.Y.

February 23, 1934

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Dr. Anthony J. Lanza
Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.
New York City

Dear Tony:

We have decided to introduce, as part of our regular Trudeau School of Tuberculosis, a week's symposium on silicosis. Owing to the general interest in the subject and to its intimate association with tuberculosis, it is logical that we should do this.

It has been our custom in the past to invite distinguished specialists to address the regular sessions of the school on subjects related to tuberculosis. We would like to persue the same policy in this special silicosis session. It would be necessary for us to hold these meetings during the week of June 18th to June 23rd. Would you be willing to sacrifice the time to come to Saranac Lake for this occasion? We would, of course, insure your traveling expenses but we are not in a position to offer any honorium.

In order to avoid the possibility of our getting undesirable applicants for the school, we have very carefully selected those whom we accepted. In adding the subject of silicosis we shall have to be doubly cautious that we do not accept any fly-by-night silicosis specialists. I hope we can limit the number of those who attend this session to plant physicians who are of reputable standing in their communities.

I am enclosing a tentative schedule. I would like your criticism and suggestions. I sincerely trust that you will give it favorable consideration and that you may be able to participate with us in this endeavor.

P.S. I have sent you down for a title which may not be any good. I'd like to hear you tell 'em what to do about it after they have discovered it. Sorry I couldn't get back to see you. We'll be at the

Sincerely yours,

Leroy U. Gardner
Director

LUG:SOC

April 11, 1934

Mr. A. J. Genthelte,
Assistant General Attorney,
Republic Steel Corporation,
Youngstown, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Genthelte:

I have not been able to identify the particular bill to which you refer in your letter of April 7. I enclose a copy of a proposed occupational disease act which is now before the Legislature. The number is Senate Bill 1662 and it was introduced by Senator O'Brien. My information is that if there is any bill passed, it will be this. Apparently everyone is agreed to it except that the Rochester industries would prefer that no legislation at all be enacted this year. They are working on a physiological test of disability in silicosis which they hope to perfect. How practical this is going to be I do not know.

It seems to me that this enclosed act is a pretty good one. You might be interested in writing to Mr. Manfred Bonditch, Secretary of the Special Industrial Disease Commission of the State Department of Labor, State House, Boston, and ask him to send you a copy of the recent report of his Commission. It is a very thorough piece of work.

We have not taken any action with respect to this sort of proposed legislation. Inasmuch as we do not write compensation insurance, this hardly comes within our scope.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

A. J. Lanza, M.D.
Assistant Medical Director

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of
Labor and Industries
Division of Industrial Safety
State House, Boston

May 18, 1934.

Anthony J. Lanza, M.D.,
Metropolitan Life Insurance Company,
1 Madison Avenue,
New York City, New York.

Dear Tony:

Thank you, first of all, for the copy of your "Comments on Asbestos", which I have read with very great interest. There seems still to be one or two things to be learned on this subject. Secondly, I am much obliged for your prompt reply to my letter about Mrs. Lee and her granitic difficulties. I am communicating this to her and you will no doubt hear from her before long.

I have just secured and had a photostat copy made of the discussion on Jones' sericite theory which appeared in the February, 1934 Bulletin of the Institution of Mining and Metallurgy, London. I suppose this is already old stuff to you, but in case it is not, I would be glad to lend it to you. David Beyer has it at the moment.

Edwin and I spent a couple of interesting hours with Dr. Gray in Hartford yesterday and came away more than ever impressed with the excellent job he is doing on a minimum of wherewithal.

Sincerely,

Manfred Bowditch
Occupational Hygienist

MB:CM

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July 5, 1934.

Dr. A. J. Lanza,
Assistant Medical Director,
Metropolican Life Insurance Company,
One Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Lanza:

Upon my return to New York this morning, I was very interested to find your letter of June 27, 1934.

As you know, Mr. Drinker is expecting to spend two weeks with our Bonne Terre Organization, and it would be a great help to us if he had a copy of your proposed form of silicosis classification, as he expects to go over the entire problem with our legal staff, as well as with certain of the local doctors who may aid us in our defense.

I quite appreciate that before any public announcement is made, the matter should be considered as confidential, and therefore, that you may not be in a position to send us copy of the classification, but you probably would have no objection to sending same to Mr. Drinker for such use as he may consider equable.

Very truly yours,

Vice President & Treasurer.

AF:LH
Copy Mr. Drinker

July 8, 1944

Mr. Philip Drinker,
c/o L. T. Hicks,
St.Joseph Lead Company,
Bonne Terre, Missouri.

Dear Phil:

At Mr. Fletcher's request, I am enclosing a copy of the classification of silicosis. This has not been officially O.K.'d yet and I imagine that what will happen is that Sayers, as Chairman of the Committee on Silicosis of the A. P. H. A., will present it at the next meeting in Pasadena as the annual report of the Committee on Silicosis, then at one time putting on it the stamp of approval of the Public Health Service and of the A. P. H. A. Sayers has been in Europe and I have not had a chance to see him. So, in the meantime, this classification is not for general promulgation.

Sincerely yours,

A. J. Lanza, M.D.
Assistant Medical Director

September 28, 1934

Dr. Leroy U. Gardner, Director,
Saranac Laboratory for the Study of Tuberculosis,
7 Church Street,
Saranac Lake, N. Y.

Dear Roy:

Just as I read your letter to Dr. Knight, Mr. Whitney of the National Bureau called me up and told me that they had definitely made an appropriation of $6000 for three years. Three rousing cheers!

I doubt very much whether I will be able to come up to Saranac with Dr. Goldberg but I will try to come if I can.

Mr. Whitney tells me that they are going to ask you to come to New York on October 28, so we will have a chance to see you here then. Incidentally, a Mr. Fairweather from Broken Hill, Australia, is in New York and will probably go to Cleveland next week to hear you and Doh read your papers. He is a good scout and I know you will enjoy meeting him.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

A. J. Lanza, M.D.
Assistant Medical Director

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