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I was interested in the enclosure from Manfred Bowditch. I wish I knew where Mr. Bradley Dewey got his information about the biologic reaction to different types of asbestos. Our own experiments with these substances would indicate that by injection, at least, they are all equally inert. Cases of human asbestosis produced by these different substances have been reported in the literature and it was my feeling that most people were convinced that there was little difference in their capacity to produce pulmonary reaction. We are now experimenting with five different types of asbestos. The work at present involves only injection. We have not been able to undertake inhalation with any but Canadian crysotile. We hope to do so sooner or later. I am sending Manfred a copy of this portion of the letter.

Sincerely yours,

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