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O. A. Stump, Personnel Director
Baldwin, Lima, Hamilton Corp.
Lima, Ohio

Dear Mr. Stump:

Copy of a letter written to the Medical Department by
Lester M. Merritt, Industrial Hygiene Engineer, concerning the claim
of William T. Lamb is enclosed for your information.

Please feel free to call on this Division at any time when
we can be of service to you.

Very truly yours,

James H. Winkler
Superintendent

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Enclosure

February 10, 1956

The Medical Section
Industrial Commission of Ohio
Columbus, Ohio

In re: OD-6367-22
William T. Lamb

Gentlemen:

On 7 February 1956 the writer visited the Baldwin, Lima, Hamilton Corp. of Lima, Ohio, to check conditions under which the above named claimant worked.

This company manufactures power shovels of various types at this plant. Claimant started with this company in June 1923. Until 1941 he was quite intermittent in his employment, as he left the company and returned from time to time. Since then he has been regular. He last worked in March 1955. He is now on retirement. During the entire period of his employment he was a crane operator. He worked in the shovel erecting shop, the machine shop, fabricating shop, special army tank manufacturing shop (not in existence at this time), locomotive and tender shop and the foundry. He has not worked in the foundry since 1947.

Since 1947 he spent approximately 30 months in the shovel erecting department. There is no free silica in the department. The amount of welding done in this area is negligible, as welding is only used to make small changes in the equipment. He spent four months in the fabricating shop where many parts of the shovels are produced as weldments. There is electric welding going on all over that part of the plant. He worked in the army tank shop for one month in 1952. There was considerable welding in that

Most of his time has been spent in the machine shop where there are neither silica dust or welding fumes. This company closed their iron foundry in August 1949. They still operate a brass foundry but there are no cranes in the area. It was not known the period of time that the claimant worked as a crane operator in the foundry prior to 1947.

Yours truly,

Lester M. Merritt
Industrial Hygiene Engineer

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