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Conversation with Dr. Gardner about Not Removing Information from  
Research Paper

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Author: Cummings  
Receiver: Sayers  
Comments:

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March 14, 1933

Dr. H. H. Sayers, Surgeon,  
United States Public Health Service,  
Division of Industrial Hygiene,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Sayers:

You have no doubt received a copy of a letter addressed to me by Mr. Hartough relative to the publication of the studies on silicosis occurring in the Fisher district.

Mr. Gardner and I had discussed this matter at some length and it appears to me that to deprive the paper of any reference to the type of industry or to its geographic location, robs it of any real significance in the eyes of the people who might be interested in it.

Since your own publications from this district are now available, it seems to me only fair that my own data be published without restrictions. In other words, it seems to me that all those interested can obtain from your publications all of the data presented in my own paper and I cannot therefore, see why there should be so much restriction imposed upon us, particularly since the work was carried out under your auspices. I am, therefore, appealing to you for permission to publish the paper as it was originally forwarded to you or for your good counsel with regard to the whole matter. I think you realize that to attempt to revamp this paper now means to entirely re-write it - a task which I do not relish especially since I have taken such infinite patience in the preparation of the original. Please inform me what your opinion is in regard to this matter at your earliest opportunity.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

W. A. J. Latta  
cc to Mr. A. J. Latta

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