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Tri-State Zinc and Lead Ore Producers
Association
Box 878
Miami, Oklahoma

Copy for Dr. A. J. Lanza

Only 1st p in box 8

February 22, 1929

Dr. R. R. Sayers, Chief Surgeon,
U. S. Bureau of Mines,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Sayers:

We have been delayed by sickness in completing the attached correspondence, which is sent forward for your information.

The material enclosed herewith includes an article in the annual magazine edition of the Joplin Globe — an edition which is widely read throughout the United States — prepared by Dr. Meriwether and discussing the results and work of the cooperative clinic at Picher. This article has caused considerable criticism from the mine operators, who do not appreciate the wide publicity given to certain venereal statistics. Consequently we wrote to Dr. Meriwether on February 1, calling his attention to the fact that he had not complied with the cooperative contract between the Bureau of Mines and the association, which requires that manuscripts be submitted to the association before publication, and that acknowledgement be given of the cooperation of the association.

It was assumed that this was merely an oversight on Dr. Meriwether's part, and it was consequently a great surprise to receive this letter of February 7, stating that this was not the case, and giving an interpretation of the contract which we feel is entirely without basis. His letter made it

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF MINES
WASHINGTON

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November 27, 1929.

Dr. A. J. Lanza,
Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Lanza:

Inclosed you will find a copy of the agreement between the Department of Commerce and the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company for the work in Picher.

Yours sincerely,

R. R. SAYERS
Chief Surgeon, U.S.B.of M.
Surgeon, U.S.P.H.S.

Inclosure No. 21750.

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

between

THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

and

METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

This agreement made by and between the Department of Commerce of the United States, acting through the Bureau of Mines (hereinafter referred to as the "Bureau") and Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of New York, N.Y., (hereinafter referred to as the "Company");

WITNESSETH:

The Bureau in consideration of the covenants herein made by the Company agrees to continue and extend its clinic now being conducted at Picher, Oklahoma, for the study and demonstration of tuberculosis of employees of mining companies engaged in mining lead and zinc ores of "Tri State District" in Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri.

The Bureau agrees to furnish all modern apparatus, supplies, technical staff, laboratory equipment, supervision, and advice necessary to conduct a clinic of sufficient capacity to make careful examination of all such employees submitting themselves for examination at least once during each twelve months period of this contract.

The Bureau agrees that in addition to furnishing the equipment mentioned above it will expend or cause to be expended in such work the cash sum of $8,000 annually and all such service shall be without charge or cost to said employees or the Company except as provided herein.

This work shall be carried on under the supervision and direction of the Bureau in a manner satisfactory to both parties hereto and no person shall be retained in such work that is objectionable to the Company or its officers.

Publications of the results of this investigation and clinic shall be under the control of the Director of the Bureau. All manuscripts, before publication, shall be submitted to the Company for comment and criticism. Due acknowledgment will be made in the publications of the cooperation of the Company.

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The Company, in consideration of the proposals of the Bureau made herein, agrees to provide a fund of $8,000, to be used to help defray the expenses and extension of such clinic. Payments from this fund shall be made by the Company upon certificate of the Bureau in a manner as the parties hereto may from time to time agree.

Upon approval of the Secretary of the Department of Commerce, this agreement shall be effective from July 1, 1929, and shall remain in force and effect until June 30, 1933.

In witness whereof the parties have hereunto set their hands by their duly authorized officers this 19th day of November 1929.

BUREAU OF MINES:

By: [signature]
Director

METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

By: [signature]
Title-President.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE:

Approved Nov 25, 1929

[signature]
Acting Secretary.