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Dear John:

Thanks very much for your letter and the information relative to your visit at Cincinnati.

I am enclosing the tentative draft of the Report of the International Union Against Cancer, which resulted from the Working Party Sessions held in New York. In the next few weeks, final corrections will be made, and then it will be ready to submit for publication. This will be done by the Geographic Pathology Section of the UICC.

I believe the earliest publication will occur in March and probably will be in England, which would then be followed by the other countries.

For your background, and this is the only reason the report is being made available to you, please read, page 5, Epidemiology and then all of the pages 6 to 13. This will give you an idea of the range and size of the problem, not only the cancer problem, but other occupational diseases associated and due to asbestos exposure. It would be helpful too, if you glanced at the rest of the report particularly page 15.

I am sorry indeed that our friends misinterpreted the recommendation you made, because it really is not a question of bearing the burden for industry as a whole, but rather, getting specific information relative to their own products, to answer the questions which are inevitable. A study could be done, which would provide the basis of estimating how many years of exposure is required; what is the minimum length of time for the malignancy to develop, knowing that, and since the concentrations at work, would be that much greater than the user, estimates could then be made, of the degree of risk to the consumer, which could be minimum depending upon what the initial "worker" findings were.

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Each industry will have to get this information itself, because there evidently is no cooperative effort underway in the United States as there is in England, among the industries.

Unfortunately, industry will learn too late, that such types of studies cannot be done over night, but require considerable amount of time, and no sudden amount of research support, in response consumer or worker concern can resolve this problem of time. This is all I intend to say on the matter.

Now, on another related matter, I saw the news clipping, about the \$110,000 law suit that Beryllium of Pennsylvania lost. They have at least 20 more pending. I mention this because of the potential of the same problem in the asbestos product industry, and in your position, I know that you want to be kept informed. The atmosphere pollution evidence will appear in the Proceedings of the New York Academy of Science, on "The Biological Effects of Asbestos," which it is anticipated will be published this coming summer - precise dates are not known. When an asbestos products industry also liberates tar or asphalt fumes which are also carcinogenic, it places a double responsibility on the company to evaluate the potential atmosphere pollution effects - this in effect was the basis of the earlier recommendation to employ an industrial hygiene engineer, to make the necessary measurements and tests within a specified radius of the plant, for subsequent legal and medical interpretation.

All is going well here. My work is very interesting, although I wish I were doing better financially.

I'll be coming in just to see Ellen on Monday and I intend to go to my office in Columbus to catch up on some work there.

Personal regards and Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Tom

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