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16th June, 1969.

The Under Secretary,
Mines Department,
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MINES DEPARTMENT
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RECORDS

Dear Sir,

Re: Ellen Mine, Wittencon.

Recent reports appear to indicate that mining operations will probably resume at this mine in the near future.

It is, of course, well known that the previous operations at Wittencom were responsible for a scandalously high mortality, and morbidity from asbestosis. Should this mine re-open under the same or similar conditions, I should consider it my duty, on medical and ethical grounds, to do everything possible to dissuade intending employees from taking up such dangerous employment. Indeed I should feel justified in refusing to sign any medical certificates for this purpose.

Yours faithfully,

I.H. Magnin

MINES MEDICAL OFFICER.

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