



Exhibit A

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F. V. Marshall

Preliminary History.

There has been a tremendous increase in the number of articles in National Journals during the past year which deal with the subject of occupational cancer. Very high on the list of causes of environmental or occupational cancer is asbestos. There seems to be increasing proof that asbestos fibers do cause lung cancer. This conclusion is drawn only from articles reported in the journals, and having carefully studied these writings, I do not feel satisfied that their conclusions are just.

I have been unable to find any direct evidence of lung cancer among our employees. The local practitioners and the local health unit know of no cases, but this is not important because the diagnosis of malignancy which is made outside a hospital or a central clinic such as we operate here. Recently in fact, I had seven cases of pulmonary cancer. These probably are not due to dust exposure, but this whole subject could cause our Company to estimate environmental and health exposure if labor leaders guide me of our limited knowledge of the subject.

I strongly recommend that we should endeavor to learn more about the relationship of asbestos and pulmonary cancer. If we are to defend ourselves in the compensation courts we must have proof. Today the evidence is in our favor, although I believe that a satisfactory series of experiments would establish evidence more reliable to us. I believe that we should discuss this matter at a N.I.H., having and if action on the subject is approved would recommend that the N.I.H. should set the Federal Laboratory at Bethesda to outline a suggested plan of study and action for our consideration.

Dr. Carter and I agree on this subject and he is recommending to his Committee in fact, the consideration of action and help from Surgeon General.

Very truly,
F. V. Marshall

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cc - C. F. Carter
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