

1 MR. SHELLENBERGER: Thank you, Your Honor.

2 Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, Mr.

3 Ignatowski has just explained to you what happened to
4 these men. That is the "what" of this case.

5 He also explained to you the "how." The
6 "how" is how the asbestos caused the disease. He
7 explained that to you also.

8 My job is to talk to you a little bit about
9 who the men are, how, another how, how they got
10 exposed, what defendants are responsible, and most
11 importantly, which I am sure you are all wondering
12 right now, why they are responsible, why they are
13 responsible.

14 As you all heard, Mr. Vandergucht was a
15 plasterer, and you saw a picture of him. He was a
16 plasterer, and he started working in this area in
17 1949.

18 That is a picture of Mr. Vandergucht, and he
19 worked into the 1970s as a plasterer.

20 Now, when he came over from Belgium after he
21 finished the Merchant Marines, he had a trade and we