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HEALTH MATTERS

We are enclosing copies of letters written to the District Inspector of Mines Port Hedland. Mr. Ibbotson arrived here today to collect the samples.

The report referred to is from The Medical Journal of Australia dated December 15th, 1962 - pages 953 and 954. It is an article by Dr. McNulty on the results of an autopsy performed on a previous employee of ours, presumably Jack Sawyer. It is quite an interesting article.

UNION MATTERS : YOURS P841

We regret the omission of copies of the correspondence they are enclosed with this letter.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT : YOUR P841

We shall make one of the new type houses available for the Hospital Secretary.

HOUSING : YOUR P839

All work on the new house construction has ceased until I can get a clear picture of the costs to date and the anticipated cost to complete them. We shall have the figures ready for discussion during your visit next week.

HOUSING CONTRACTS : YOUR P839

We are investigating the overall position. We consider that there is still some money outstanding. We shall forward a report on our findings.

PERISHABLES : YOUR P841

We regret that this letter has not been answered. The change of staff during holidays has evidently led to the letter being misplaced.

Yours faithfully,

O. A. Allan
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Government of Western Australia,
Department of Public Health,
57 Murray Street,
PERTH.

J. Boyland,
Assistant State Mining Engineer,
Mines Department,
PERTH.

Dear Mr. Boyland,

The enclosed reprint may interest you. The Dr. Wagner referred to, has expressed interest in our Asbestos problem and has repeated the warning that Blue Asbestos may be harmful after only the slightest exposure, especially in the young. That is why I have always protested against the use of mill tailings for pathways etc. in the township.

Harrington (Nature Magazine 193,43 1961) found a primitive oil 3:4 benzpyrene in Blue Asbestos fibre, from South Africa and is investigating the possibility that this oil is responsible for the cancer rather than the fibre itself.

Dr. Wagner has requested samples of our Asbestos Ore for experiments and tests and we should be grateful for his interest.

The samples, about 7 lbs should be obtained among the undisturbed ore after firing and before any other mining process has been carried out on it. They should be placed in guaranteed oil-free containers. This will prevent accidental contamination by extraneous oil.

Your help in obtaining samples will be appreciated.

J. McNULTY
ASSISTANT PHYSICIAN

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