

METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
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 Assistant Medical Director

NEW YORK CITY

April 23, 1933

Vandiver Brown, Esq.,
 General Attorney,
 Johns-Manville, Inc.,
 22 East 40th Street,
 New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Brown:

I read with much interest your letter of April 23 and Dr. Gardner's report. I had discussed this general subject with him and he told me it was his opinion that the action of asbestos dust was mechanical and not chemical. I am inclined to think this is the answer because it seems to explain the peculiar inconsistencies that we noted in our surveys, particularly the lack of any appreciable evidence of asbestosis in Ludlow and the several other firms in the textile plants, as well as the difference between our experience and that of the British.

It seems to me that all this is very much in favor of the industry because it enormously simplifies the question of the control and prevention of asbestosis.

I am returning the photographs. May I keep the report or do you wish that back also.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

(c) A. J. Lanza

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 Assistant Medical Director



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April 29, 1933

Timothy Brown, Esq.,
 General Attorney,
 John W. Brown, Inc.,
 22 East 43rd Street,
 New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Brown:

I read with much interest your letter of April 28 and Dr. Gammeter's report. I had discussed this general subject with him and he told me it was his growing conviction that the action of asbestos dust was mechanical and not chemical. I am inclined to think this is the answer because it seems to satisfy the peculiar inconsistencies that we noted in our surveys, particularly the lack of any appreciable evidence of asbestos in the lungs and the occasional case found in the cartilage plates, as well as the difference between our experience and that of the British.

It seems to me that all this is very much in favor of the industry because it enormously simplifies the question of the control and prevention of asbestos.

I am returning the photographs. May I keep the report on as you wish that time also.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

(s) A. J. Lanza

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