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Dear Paul:

It was good of you to leave with Mrs. Blinn the copy of Doctor Smith's letter of August 16 with regard to the data which you forwarded to him in connection with lung tumors in asbestos workers. I do not know how Doctor Smith intends to use this material but I would be extremely cautious, especially since the findings must be correlated with pulmonary pathology present in these cases. Information pending precise knowledge concerning other factors, of which you are aware, must be correlated before interpretation can be made of the data already at hand.

I know, Paul, that you are aware of all this, but the matter seemed worth mentioning again. Furthermore, if this information is given out and we are giving guidance to the collation of it, our findings will be confused with those of others who may not have all the data in our possession. Then, too, our report on the studies will be rather castrated.

With every good wish,

Sincerely yours,

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