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Re: Mr. Ridley Boudreaux
Rep: William Surgi

Gentlemen:

In the afternoon of February 1, 1966, while employed by William Surgi in the maintenance of certain equipment at the Kaiser Aluminum plant in New Orleans, this man was subjected to the fumes of Therminol FR-O made by the Monsanto Company, 800 N. Linbergh Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri. Due to an accidental breakage in line the Therminol FR-O was suddenly exposed to the high heat of coils creating a vapor, exposure to what made it very difficult for the man to breathe and created a tight choking sensation in his chest. This man was exposed to vapor off and on for several minutes. He also gave a history of having been exposed to the fumes of the heated material (Therminol FR-O) three to four times a week for varying periods from a few minutes up to an hour, for the past nine months. He frequently has gotten the cold liquid (Therminol FR-O) on the skin of his hands and arms.

Past history revealed that for a number of years he has been subject to mild attacks of asthma associated with wheezes and tightness of his chest. These attacks began long before any exposure to the Therminol FR-O, but he believes that the fumes from the heated material can bring on an attack.

Examination in my office on February 1, 1966 revealed the skin of his hands and arms to be quite dry, but otherwise intact. He was having no significant respiratory distress. The pharynx was slightly injected. Examination of the lung fields revealed scattered coarse rales particularly in both bases. Moderate expiratory wheezes could be heard on each side. Blood pressure was 110/70

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with a pulse rate of 80. X-ray of the chest was obtained and was normal except for a slight increase in the interstitial fibrotic markings within the lung fields; however, this was minimal in amount and was not considered to represent any acute disease process. Electrocardiogram was obtained and was interpreted as being within normal limits. A liver profile was obtained at Touro Infirmary and no significant abnormalities found to suggest liver damage.

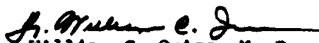
The patient was placed on Decadron (aerosol) and given Neo-decadron topical cream. He was examined again on February 2th and again on February 8, 1966 and no significant abnormalities found, except for scattered wheezes in the chest.

It is my opinion that this man has not suffered any significant injury as the result of the acute exposure to the heated fumes of Thermanol FR-0. On the other hand, in view of this man's tendency toward asthmatic attacks and bronchitis, even though mild, and in view to his tendency to develop such an attack when exposed to the heated fumes of the above chemical, I believe it would be unwise for him to continue to work where he would be exposed repeatedly to such fumes.

I would suggest that this man have a repeat x-ray of his chest in approximately six months.

I am enclosing my bill for professional services.

Sincerely yours,


William C. Quinn, M. D.

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