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Dr. Thomas F. Mancuso
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Dear Tom:

I appreciate very much all of the data that you have been sending me about your investigation into asbestos, and we have passed most of this on to Mr. Pechstein and Mr. Fasold at Philip Carey.

I had an opportunity recently to discuss with them the question of your making further investigations for them along the lines you indicated, but they have decided not to do this.

I am unable to determine exactly why they do not wish to bring the matter out into the open and investigate it, but I feel that their probable reason is that they wish to let the matter develop and let the industry as a whole take whatever action is indicated, and that their own company should not spearhead or be a guinea pig in this matter. I feel that this is short-sighted and have so indicated to them, but at the moment, they do not wish to proceed with the matter further.

I do think it would be well, however, for you to continue sending us any data that you feel we should have and we will continue to keep them aware and abreast of your investigations and conclusions, and perhaps the matter will change sometime in the future.

I noticed in the paper the other day that a person living in the vicinity of a beryllium plant in Pennsylvania finally collected a judgment of over \$100,000.00 in court action, based on injurious exposure to fumes emitted by the plant, which apparently caused some respiratory illness to the wife. The paper indicated that this was a test case and that there were more than 20 other cases pending and they would probably now proceed.

Thank you for all of your interest and information, and we hope that you will continue to send us data from time to time.

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Please express to your wife and family our sincere wishes and prayers for a Happy Holiday Season for you all and a successful year in 1965.

Sincerely yours,

John T. Cantlon

JTC/kb

P.S.

We have been collecting from Cheney Pulp and Paper Company \$150.00 a month, which we will adjust with you sometime in the next few weeks, but we believe that we should advise them that this should not continue beyond the first of the year unless some further representation or activity on your part is necessary in the pending cancer claims, which have been disallowed as occupational disease claims, but which are still being processed as accidental injury claims.

JTC

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