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ALLERGIC DISEASES

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PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

K-2056

Re: Adam Wentzel
Employee of Kimble Glass Co.
711 Southwood Avenue
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Dr. Kauffman:

On October 17, 1960, at your request, I visited the plant of the Kimble Glass Company, Columbus, Ohio for the purpose of examining Adam Wentzel an employee of the Company who had worked in the forming department for the past 10 years.

I first examined the situation in which he works. The area is extremely hot and noisy. I did not detect any unusual odor nor did I see any unusual amount of dust in the area.

Mr. Wentzel displayed a few chronic bluish papules on the dorsum of the right index finger. He stated that these have been present for approximately the past eight months, and that they itched severely at times, especially when hot. He stated that for the past one and a half to two years he had similar lesions on the dorsum of the hand adjacent to this finger and in the adjacent web spaces. Although the lesions would wax and wane, they had never completely cleared. He has been performing the same duties at work for the past ten years and states there has been no real change in the situation.

His work consists in overseeing the department in which the funnel and face of TV tubes are formed from molten glass. On occasions he handles the hot glass wearing the proper protective gloves. At times he is called upon to repair machines which have broken down. Occasionally his hands are exposed to hydraulic oil but this does not occur as often as once a week.

The diagnosis is dyshidrosis, a condition which is usually associated with excessive heat and/or internal nervous tension. It is my opinion that the degree of heat in which he works regularly could be an aggravating factor in perpetuating this skin condition. I am aware of no means by which this relationship could be either proved or disproved with certainty under the circumstances.

This skin condition has not been incapacitating to Mr. Wentzel but it has at times been uncomfortable because of the evanescent itching.

I did not perform any allergy tests or other type of skin tests as there is none to my knowledge which would help to resolve the question at hand, namely, whether there is any substance to which he is exposed in his work which would aggravate the skin condition mentioned above.

Sincerely yours,

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