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Dear Tony:

Attached is a copy of a letter I have just written to Art Vervald. I believe it is self-explanatory.

We have been very anxious to get the articles on the asbestos studies published, as you will remember from the meetings we had here, and I have been put in a rather bad position by having given these contributing companies several promises from what Art told me, only to find out later that the article is still some time away from publication.

Having received two or three letters from these companies in the last week reminding me of the promises made and asking for a present accounting, I phoned Art and asked him just when the article is to be completed. My difficulty has been not only that it takes quite a while to get material available for publication and published, but the fact that I was given completion dates which I passed on to the companies which apparently were a long way from accurate.

This is not to complain or to tell stories out of school, but just with the thought that you might be interested. It is my thought that you might find it possible, if you consider it practicable, to write to Phil Drinker, tell him how important it is to the industry that the article be published promptly when he gets it, and perhaps thereby have it in print earlier than otherwise would be the case.

Art Vervald said in our phone conversation that it might take Phil Drinker six months to publish the article after he gets it. If this time should elapse in addition to that already passed, I am afraid some of our friends in other asbestos companies would be up here after Van Brown and me with their tankards.

Don't get from this that I am complaining about Serence or that I would request you to mention this to them, but rather my thought that you would be interested and also that you might bring about somewhat earlier publication of the article by mentioning to Drinker the urgency of our situation.

Yours sincerely,

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cc: Vandiver Brown

