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ALLAN J. FLEMING, M.D.,
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Dear Dr. Fleming,

There has been a lot of discussion here recently amongst the industrial medical fraternity concerning the problem of mesothelioma of the pleura and peritoneum in asbestos workers.

One of the most sinister facts appears to be the discovery of mesothelioma in insulation workers who have had a relatively light exposure to asbestos.

There is a fair amount of lagging done with asbestos at Maydown, and I wonder if you could enlighten me as to any recent findings in America in this field.

Is asbestos used generally throughout the Company as a lagging material, and if so, what is the medical feeling as to it's safety, not only at present but from a future point of view?

I look forward to your reply on this matter, as I feel there may well be a general outcry here in the near future, particularly from Shipyard Workers, following a recent press report about the dangers of asbestos.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

J.R. McCLEAN, L.R.C.P. & S.I., L.M.,
PLANT MEDICAL OFFICER,
MAYDOWN.

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P.S. The problem of asbestos is commented on by Prof. Scott, Manchester University, in the October issue of "The Practitioner".

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