PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

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Mr Irving

Suggest you get an opinion from Shy & Russell or from their nominee in WA about corp (CIR) legal liability

Copy to Mr King for (information)

Mr. I.G. Burgh

W.A. ASBESTOSIS CASE

On 1st September 1975, Mr. M.G. King rang and asked me to ring Mr. Russell Leith, the Manager Perth about an asbestosis case. This is a woman 27 years of age, the child of an employee of A.B.A. at Wittenoom. She apparently went up as a child of 10 months old in 1948.

She has mesathelioma, cancer of the lining of the lung cavity which can only result from inhalation of asbestos. It is believed that she played with asbestos tailings whilst a child.

She is not covered by the Workers Compensation Act and her husband apparently asked who will pay the bills.

Mr. King asked me if I knew of any similar cases of asbestosis developing as a result of exposure during childhood. I told him that I did not know of any asbestosis cases but that I recalled two cases of beryllosis amongst two children whose play area was close to a tailings dump at a beryllium mine near Meekatharra in W.A. I cannot recall where I ~~had~~ read the case report.

Mr. King asked me to pass this information on to Mr. Leith and I did this.

During the conversation with Mr. Leith, I suggested that he should explore the possibility of payment from the Dust Diseases Fund. Such a payment would be at the discretion of the Chairman of the Workers Compensation Board and may not be possible because she was not a worker. Mr. Leith knows Mr. Mews, the Board Chairman and will discuss this possibility with him and also with the W.A. Manager of United Insurance.

I could ask Mr. Gerald Major if he had any knowledge of such a case, if you thought fit. I know him fairly well.

N.E.I.

2nd September, 1975.

Mr. Brandon, United Insurance told me they are handling a civil action brought against a Sydney company by a housewife who contracted asbestosis through washing her husband's overalls. He is lending me the file & has said I can copy any part of it.

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