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Dear Tony:

Further referring to the subject matter of my letter to you of December 10th, I have just noted in the current issue of the Archiv für Gewerbepathologie und Gewerbenygiene (8 Band, 2 Heft) an article by W. di Biasi "Zur pathologischen Anatomie der Lungenasbestose" in which, if my German has not failed me too badly, he indicates at least mild enthusiasm for mechanical causation, combined with chemical. This fits in with Bradley Dewey's theory, about which I wrote you, he being of the opinion that Canadian asbestos is pretty harmless mechanically and Russian, the converse. As a layman wandering around in comparatively Stygian outer darkness, I listen to all these bright ideas and find that they give me more or less mental indigestion. If Old Doc Lanza has a pink pill specific to the situation, I hope he will prescribe it.

In the light of some of your remarks when we last met, I have read the editorial in the December 11th J.A.M.A. on the Council on Industrial Health with just a bit of amusement. The boys are certainly good at patting themselves on the back for little or no reason.

Sincerely,

Manfred Bowditch
Director

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P. S. Please don't feel obliged to inform me that Rhodesia is in Africa. I am given to understand that there is one variety of asbestos known as Rhodesian and another variety, hailing from elsewhere in the same continent, known as African. Perhaps this is just another instance of my abysmal ignorance.

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