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I agree most heartily with your conclusions concerning the diagnosis, complications and prevention of silicosis.

As I have not seen the newspaper article in question it is rather difficult to comment on the last, cancer mentioned. It is a well known fact that lung cancer is considered an occupational disease in some industries. As far as I-M is concerned, I have of two hours to our operations with any lead to pulmonary malignancy, usually asbestos and silica. There is overwhelming evidence in the medical literature today that these materials lead to lung cancer. Although I have not seen this condition in our operations I have no reason to believe it could not exist.

Once again I must stress the importance of obtaining a complete picture of the relationship of asbestos and lung cancer. To our knowledge, experimental evidence and critical operating experience, whether or not a hazard exists and if it does, what to do to prevent it.

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