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Re: Asbestos Litigation

CONVERSATION WITH HERB STOCKINGER (513)
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Stockinger worked for the AEC on the Manhattan Project. He is a biologist who got a degree in bacteriology at Harvard. He is not involved in immunology. He states that the Dreesen Study was the basis for the ACGIH 1938 standard. He said that that point of time, everybody was interested in chrysotile, which was constituted 95% of the asbestos imported into the United States. Stockinger stated that this was the least dangerous of the forms of asbestos. He also states that smoking is an important factor of asbestos related lung cancer. Stockinger was with the Public Health Service but conducted most of the asbestos related studies, but this has only been relatively recently. He states that in 1951 the ACGIH was more interested in silicosis as a larger cause of deaths than asbestos. This was because the world had had asbestos exposure had not had sufficient time to result into disease.

Stockinger suggests that prior to the Cooper Report, there was not [redacted] time to [redacted] by [redacted] Cooper's address is W. Theodore Cooper, 6315 Terrace Drive, El Cerrito, California 94530. This is in the San Francisco area.

Stockinger states that Selikoff is an old friend of his, but that Selikoff [redacted] a [redacted] with asbestos companies. He felt his report was biased. The Selikoff was out to get the asbestos industry. That his report in 1951 was unscientific and that Selikoff just wanted more money for more research.

He stated another expert with whom I might wish to talk is professor Howard Mayer (513) 475-5700 at the Kettering Institute in Cincinnati. He stated to me he agrees with [redacted] position.

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