PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

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Bridgeport, Conn.
October 31, 1936

Mr. L. H. Jefferds, General Manager,
General Asbestos & Rubber Division,
North Charleston, S. C.

My dear "Jeff":

I have your letter of the 27th, with reference to visit of Dr. H. F. Wilson, a representative of the South Carolina Board of Health, at which time, he requested that permission be given to the United States Department of Health to make an examination of the plant and take Xray pictures of our employees.

I have no objection to his making an inspection of the factory, but I hesitate at this time to permit an Xray examination of all our employees, for if these Xray records are going to be made available to all the shyster lawyers and doctors in the county, such as we have been up against the last couple of years, we may have an endless number of suits against us, especially as there are so few qualified doctors who can read an asbestosis Xray. This was verified to me in Peterborough this week, when I was talking to Dr. Faulkner, Commissioner of Health for the Province of Ontario, when he told me there were practically no doctors that could tell the difference between asbestos dust and granite dust.

For our own information, I should like to have an Xray of all the employees, and if we could get this information from the United States Department of Health without it being placed in the hands of every "Tom, Dick and Harry" in the country, I would be willing to let them make the Xrays, as it would be one way of getting them without arousing very much suspicion on the part of the employees. It would, no doubt, be interpreted as having some connection with the Social Security Act, but I certainly do not want to bring a lot of suits down on us just about the time we are getting through With the old ones.

Am sending copy of this letter to Mr. Mitchell.

Very truly yours,

H.-G.

P. S. Have received a letter from Mr. Mitchell and have written him as per enclosed copy. You can hold up answer to the Health Department until we hear from Dr. Lanza.

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November 5, 1938

Mr. E. H. Jefford, General Manager,
General Asbestos & Rubber Division,
North Charleston, S. C.

My dear "Jeff":

I suppose you have received from Mr. Mitchell a copy of Dr. Lamb's letter regarding taking X-ray pictures of our employees by the United States Department of Health.

In view of this letter, you may advise the Public Health Service that they may take the pictures, with the understanding that they are not available for any purpose whatever except public health information, and you want to stress the fact that we do not want them given to shyster lawyers and doctors so as to be the subject of suits, for, as you know, we have had enough adjustments for any one company.

We are perfectly willing to help them in every possible way, but they in turn must help us so far as they can legally do so.

Very truly yours,

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Cc. to Mr. Julian Mitchell.

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