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Mr. Vandiver Brown, Secretary
Johns-Manville Corporation
22 East 40th Street
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Dear Mr. Brown:

At the time of Dr. Gardner's sudden and untimely death on October 24th, many of his close friends and associates in his work with industrial problems were notified by his Field Director, Mr. Manfred Bowditch. As a result of this, so many return communications of sympathy, interest and inquiry poured in that I am writing you to let you know some of the developments here since we have recovered from the first overwhelming shock of Dr. Gardner's passing.

On November 19th, the Board of Trustees of the Trudeau Sanatorium and Foundation, which operates the Saranac Laboratory, met in New York. It was unanimously and enthusiastically decided to do our utmost to carry on and develop the work with industrial health problems which had been Dr. Gardner's "baby" since its inception, and to which he had given the greater part of his life's work.

Although our Medical Board has had a number of meetings and several possible successors to Dr. Gardner have been discussed, no recommendations were made to our Trustees at their meeting, pending further consideration of this all-important decision.

In the meantime, our Medical Director at Trudeau Sanatorium, Dr. E. N. Packard, was appointed Acting Director of the Foundation until the permanent appointment can be decided upon. Dr. Packard was formerly associated here in Saranac Lake with the late Dr. Lawrason Brown and, as Associate Director of the Foundation, was collaborating with Dr. Gardner in many of our activities until he joined the armed forces. Here his record was extremely high, as he attained the rank of full Colonel, was medical chief of Halloran Hospital and received a citation of meritorious service.

In Dr. Packard we have a man who has the full loyalty and cooperation of both the Sanatorium and Laboratory staffs, and under his direction all the work laid down by Dr. Gardner is going forward. I am sure Dr. Packard will be glad to answer any inquiries which you may care to make.

Sincerely,

Francis B. Trudeau

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