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June 6, 1962

Mr. W. B. Hofferth
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Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Dear Wally:

Subject: Occupational Illness Claims
Asbestos Workers

Attached is copy of correspondence from R. B. Ross requesting information on our experience as a company with asbestosis claims. Since we recently had a similar request for this information from another area, I assume Travelers has gathered data that would be helpful to Ross.

We would appreciate your passing along this request to Travelers, and since the association meeting is scheduled for this summer, their prompt reply would be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'F. L. Gardner'.

F. L. Gardner
Contract Officer

JEP

Enclosure

May 31, 1962
(Dictated 5-29-62)

J. E. Zeller, Lancaster

R. B. Ross, Los Angeles

Occupational Illness Claims
Asbestos Workers

At the recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the Associated Insulation Contractors of the Western States a lengthy discussion was held relative to the increasing number of claims from asbestos workers with respect to respiratory illness and lung cancer, supposedly the result of breathing asbestos dust and glass fiber dust.

We have had a number of these claims on the West Coast in the past year, particularly in the Pacific Northwest but now spreading to California. The result could be a heavy increase in our insurance cost.

The Association has made this a major item of business at our annual meeting this summer. Can you give me any information as to the experience of our company or Travelers Insurance Company?

PJS

cc: F. L. Gardner, Lancaster
J. W. Liddell, Lancaster

