Ladies and gentlemen, there will be witnesses that will come that will testify on behalf of Mr. Wood.

You have met Mrs. Wood and although it will be difficult for her, she will take the witness stand and she will tell you about her husband.

And what we know from Mr. Wood and from Mr. Wood's son also testifying is that Mr. Wood was a family man. He loved his family. His life centered around his family.

From the time that they were first married up until the time that he died, and that was one of the reasons while although he was very, very ill around Christmas of 1989, that was one of the reasons why he didn't want to go into the hospital at that time and wanted to come out. He wanted to spend the time during the holidays with his family.

In addition to Mr. Wood, Mr. Wood's son and Mrs. Wood testifying, you will actually see two of the co-workers who worked alongside Mr. Wood at the garage on Preston Street, the United States Post Office

garage that Mr. Wood worked at.

Those individuals' names are Elgia Butler and Charles Carter. Mr. Carter is the mechanic who worked on those brakes at the post office, and he will tell you what his experience was working on brakes around Mr. Wood.

Mr. Butler is not a brake mechanic, did not work on brakes, but had the same job as Mr. Wood, garage man/mechanic/driver and he will tell you what Mr. Wood's job duties were, what his job duties were and what the position of the garage was that caused them to breathe the asbestos dust.

The proof that you will hear in Mr. Wood's case is that he was exposed to asbestos dust from Ford brakes at the U.S. Post Office when he started working there in 1948. That is all of the proof of asbestos exposure that you will hear concerning Mr. Wood.

We will also have Dr. Gary Hill testify. Dr. Gary Hill is a Chief of Pathology at Johns Hopkins Bayview which used to be Francis Scott Key Medical Center, and Dr. Hill also looked at Mr. Wood's

pathology, what was taken from his lung, and he looked at that under the microscope, and he as well confirmed the diagnosis that was made of Mr. Wood's mesothelioma.

He will tell you that Mr. Wood's mesothelioma was caused by his exposure to asbestos.

You will also hear from Dr. Levine who will also come in and who will testify to you concerning his treatment of Mr. Wood, and he also will tell you that he confirms the diagnosis of mesothelioma from which Mr. Wood died of. He will tell you that Mr. Wood's mesothelioma was caused by asbestos exposure.

Ladies and gentlemen, the only thing in this country which causes mesothelioma is asbestos exposure, and that is why when Dr. Levine and Dr. Moko back in January of 1990 at Baltimore County General Hospital took an asbestos exposure history from Mr. Wood to determine where his actual exposure was because they knew that with mesothelioma, the way you get it is through asbestos exposure.

As a practical matter, if you do not have

asbestos exposure, you do not get this disease.

The evidence will show that for individuals who are nonexposed to asbestos, who do not have asbestos exposure, that perhaps only one and two -- one to two cases in a million will get this disease.

Now, for individuals who are exposed to asbestos who have asbestos exposure, that rises significantly, and, in fact, the evidence will show that 10,000 to 100,000 per million individuals who are exposed to asbestos will get this disease. Substantially greater than the one to two million who are nonexposed to asbestos.

You don't get this disease from smoking. You don't get this disease from any other toxic agent.

The only thing that causes this rare and terrible cancer is exposure to asbestos.

The doctors will also tell you that you don't need a lot of exposure to asbestos. That you can get it, in fact, from small doses of exposure.

And, in fact, the doctors will tell you that