



United States Rubber Company



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Mr. A. C. Link:

Subject: Asbestos Textile Institute Meeting

At the meeting of the Asbestos Textile Institute in Philadelphia last week two of the member companies reported that they had been approached by representatives from the Public Health Service in regard to a study of asbestosis which they plan on beginning soon. The following information was picked up at the meeting:

- (1) The survey is being made primarily to determine if there is any relationship between asbestosis and cancer and will be on an international scale.
- (2) Other things such as susceptibility, early diagnosis, etc will be studied also.
- (3) The approach was made by a group of three men (two Phd's. and one MD) through the State Dept. of Health. Dr. Lewis J. Crowley, Scientist Director Asst. Chief Occupational Health, Research and Training Facility, P.H.S, 1014 Broadway, Cincinnati, Ohio, apparently heads the group.
- (4) Plans for the survey only are being made at this time. They estimate that the survey will actually begin in approximately one year and that twelve to fifteen years will be required for completion.
- (5) Various committees such as clinical, radiological, etc will be set up after selection is made from competent individuals of the medical profession.
- (6) Both of the companies (Johns Manville and H. K. Porter) who had been approached were impressed by the high caliber of the men from the P.H.S.

The Board of Governors approved a meeting of the technicians who collect and count the dust prior to the next meeting of the Institute, which is scheduled for March 9th and 10th, for the purpose of arriving at a standard procedure for the industry for collecting and counting dust particles. We are to be advised of the meeting date as soon as it is arranged.



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The Board also approved a recommendation by the committee for a meeting of the company doctors at the next regular meeting of the A.T.I. Dr. Kenneth Smith of Johns Manville was recommended to serve as temporary chairman of this group and Dr. Shaw, Secretary of the A.T.I., was to contact Dr. Smith for an agenda for the meeting. Dr. Shaw is to furnish the agenda to the various company doctors.

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