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Dohrman H. Byers, Asst. Chief  
Toxicological Section  
Public Health Service  
1014 Broadway  
Cincinnati 2, Ohio

Dear Dohrman:

Enclosed are several samples to be analyzed for free silica and asbestos. In relation to the asbestos samples from the Zonolite Company operations in Libby, I am not certain that the asbestos content of the ore, which according to the company varies from 2 to 20%, with about 10% average, is significant. In this respect I would appreciate any advice or comments you may have concerning the asbestos content of the ore they are using. With all probability, the quartz content of the samples would be negligible although the raw ore before beneficiation sometimes contains a good deal of quartz granules throughout.

Sample No. 4, from the Zonolite Company is a composite electrostatic precipitator sample taken at several locations, sampled at the usual 3 cubic feet per minute for 58 minutes. This sample may or may not be sufficient for any analysis.

We would appreciate any comments you may have concerning this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Benjamin F. Wake  
Acting Industrial Hygiene Engineer  
Division of Disease Control

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