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November 21, 1944

Mr. Edward C. Ames
Public Relations Manager
Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corporation
Nicholas Building
Toledo 1, Ohio

Dear Mr. Ames:

Mr. Albert Baumgardner of Holland, Ohio, has been a patient of mine for many years. He is approximately 55 years old, and during most of his adult life he has been a pipe coverer handling magnesia, asbestos and mineral wood products on industrial insulation jobs in and about Toledo.

During August 1944 he was under my care, and I hospitalized him in Mercy Hospital, Toledo. He was suffering from asbestosis, a condition that results from exposure to asbestos dust. The disease is a well recognized form of lung pathology that manifests itself in a diminution of lung capacity resulting in dyspnoea, or shortenss of breath. This diagnosis is made through the use of X-rays, which were forwarded to me from an Akron hospital where Mr. Baumgardner had been treated some time before. His condition was complicated by a heart ailment which led me to advise him to leave his trade and seek work that was sedentary in nature so that he would not exert himself in such a manner that his heart would be unduly strained.

In my opinion his lung condition was not the result of exposure to Fiberglas materials, which he had been handling for a relatively short time before he left his trade. It is to be explained, rather, by his exposure to asbestos dust over a long period of years.

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Yours very truly,

Zone 1

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627 Junction Avenue
Toledo, Ohio

Dear Dr. Canfield:

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Naturally we are always anxious to clarify any mis-conceptions, and if there were a possibility of health hazard we would be very much concerned. Our experience with thousands of employees in daily contact for many years with Fiberglas has demonstrated that there are no ill effects from such exposure. We are wondering to what extent you can help clarify this situation, and if you can say whether contact with Fiberglas materials played any part in Mr. Baumgardner's condition.

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Mercy Hospital
2200 Jefferson Avenue Toledo, Ohio 43624 (419) 259-1500

DATE: July 31, 1985

REF: Albert H. Baumgartner
Medical Record No. 84334,
dated August 3, 1944 to
August 16, 1944 (Microfilmed).

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, Helen M. Lis of Mercy Hospital, Toledo, Ohio, do hereby certify that the enclosed reports are true and complete copies of the original records of this hospital; that they are prepared in the usual course of business of Mercy Hospital; that the originals thereof were made on or near the time of medical attendance and on the dates stated therein.

I further certify that I am the custodian of the originals of these records.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

MERCY HOSPITAL

Helen M. Lis

Medical Records Department

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DISCHARGE BLANK ROOM No. [illegible]

Name Mr. Albert K. Baumgartner Address Rt. #1 Holland

Age 57 Sex M Religion R Cath. Occupation Asbestos worker

Nearest Relative Mrs. Evelyn How Related Wife

Physician Dr. Canfield Referred by

Date of Admission 8/3/44 Date of Discharge 8/10/44

Hospital Days 12 Telephone No Sev. 7-2812

To be filled in by Attending Physician

Diagnosis Chronic myocarditis and mitral stenosis with auricular fibrillation upon admission to hospital. Pulmonary asbestosis.

Associated Diseases —

Complications developed in Hospital None.

Operations None.

Pathological Diagnosis —

Condition on Discharge Much improved.

Cause of Death a. Principal

b. Contributory —

This is to certify that I have reviewed the contents of this record and to the best of my knowledge it is accurate and complete

A. E. Canfield.

Signature of Attending Physician

MERCY HOSPITAL

SURGICAL OR MEDICAL PERMIT

I, the undersigned [illegible handwritten name], patient of Mercy Hospital, hereby consent to any surgical or medical procedure the Surgeon or Physician may deem necessary.

Signed [illegible signature]

Witnessed

[illegible signature] Date 8/3/44

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X-RAY REPORT

Pierce Hospital

X-

This plate of the chest shows considerable general peri-bronchial increase throughout the lower two thirds, the apices being relatively clear. Apparently a chronic infectious process non-tuberoular in origin. There is evidence of early bronchiectasis. Suggest Lipiodol for further information.

R. Deming M.D.

PERSONAL HISTORY

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Case No. .....

Case No. ....

Name Mr Albert Baumgartner Address RFD #1 ... Holland

Age 54 Occupation ....

Sex M Nationality .... Religion Catholic ....

Correspondent Mrs Evelyn .... How related wife ....

Physician Dr Canfield .... Referred by ....

Admitted 5-3-44 .... Discharged ....

Family History. Age

Father ....

Mother ....

Brothers ....

Sisters 1 living

Chief Complaint

Dyspnea - Orthopnea - 5 yrs.

DT: (5) as above

has been getting progressively worse for last 5 yrs.

Past History:

Surg. ó

Med. ó

CR - Rec C.C

GI - Ulcers

GU -) ó

CNS -

Neuro -

Signed ....

EXAMINATION

Name Mr Robert Baumgartner Room No 328 Case No.

Temp. Height Wt.

Pulse Chest

Resp. Chest

B P S D

PHYSICAL FINDINGS

Gen.

WD & WN male
ailing, up in bed
slightly dyspneic.

Skin Color, moist.

Head
Neck } Normal

Chest

Lungs - fine basal rales

Heart slightly enlarged
to left. Soft
systolic M at apex.
Reg rhythm.

Abd.

Essentially neg.

Ext. } Normal

Neuro Hyperactive DTR's.

Received by W Kew 5

Number: 328

Name: Baumgartner Mr. Paul Age: Date: 1-4-44 A. E. Canfield M.D.

Physical Exam: History: Clinical Exam:

Electrocardiographic Diagnosis:

Auricular fibrillation
Right axis shift

Myocardial damage

Clinical Conclusions:

[illegible signature]

LABORATORY REPORT

Name of Patient Mr Albert Baumgartner

URINE

Date	React	Spec. Grav.	Album.	Sugar	Diacetic	Acetone	Indican	Bile	
8-3	7.5	1.018	Neg	Neg					[illegible]

BLOOD

Date	White Blood Count	Red Blood Count	Hb.	DIFFERENTIAL COUNT — [illegible]						
				[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
8-3	Kahn test — Neg									

[signature]

Pathologist

... progress of case, complications, condition on discharge, change in diagnosis, instructions to patient, etc.

Aug 3 General appearance good, save for slight dyspnea. Patient is weak and has poor appetite.
A. E. [illegible]

Aug 4 General condition about the same. Dyspnea [illegible]
A. E. [illegible]

[illegible]/44 Chronic interstitial pneumonitis [illegible]. Rheumatic valvular heart disease [illegible]. Auricular fibrillation.
[illegible] on [illegible] dyspnea at this time after [illegible]. [illegible] BP [illegible].
Suggest continued [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] pulse [illegible]. [illegible] codeine [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] each day [illegible].
[illegible]

[illegible]/10/44 Patient is doing very well. Dyspnea has cleared up. Has no complaints.
A. E. [illegible]

[illegible]/16/44. Patient's condition is very satisfactory and has no complaints. No dyspnea. [illegible] Patient is to be allowed to go home [illegible] or thereafter when ready.
A. E. [illegible]

Record No. ______

Name Mr. Albert Baumgartner [illegible] Canfield

Ordered Date

2-4-4 Liquid diet

R.C. D. Canfield [illegible]

2/9/44 Soft and liquid diet. Back rest elevation as needed. Nembutal gr. iss at 9 P.M. tonight. EKG tomorrow A.M. Digitalis [illegible] 3rd day of diet.

A. E. Canfield

[illegible] Nembutal gr. iss at 9 P.M. tonight. Omit night [illegible] etc. nearly. Light diet. [illegible] Glassman [illegible]

A. E. Canfield

7/[illegible]/44 Coramine 2cc. with codeine phosphate gr. i dissolved in the coramine p.r.n. for dyspnea. Diathermy through chest on both sides and lower back to be given once daily while patient is in hospital. See digifoline [illegible] in 4 hrs., only if pulse continues above 80, and if [illegible] remains as at present do not administer digitalis.

[illegible]

A. E. Canfield

[illegible] May sit up in chair for a while, afternoon and evening. Regular diet.

A. E. Canfield

[illegible] Patient may go home this noon. Is to return [illegible] weekly for a time for diathermy treatments.

A. E. Canfield

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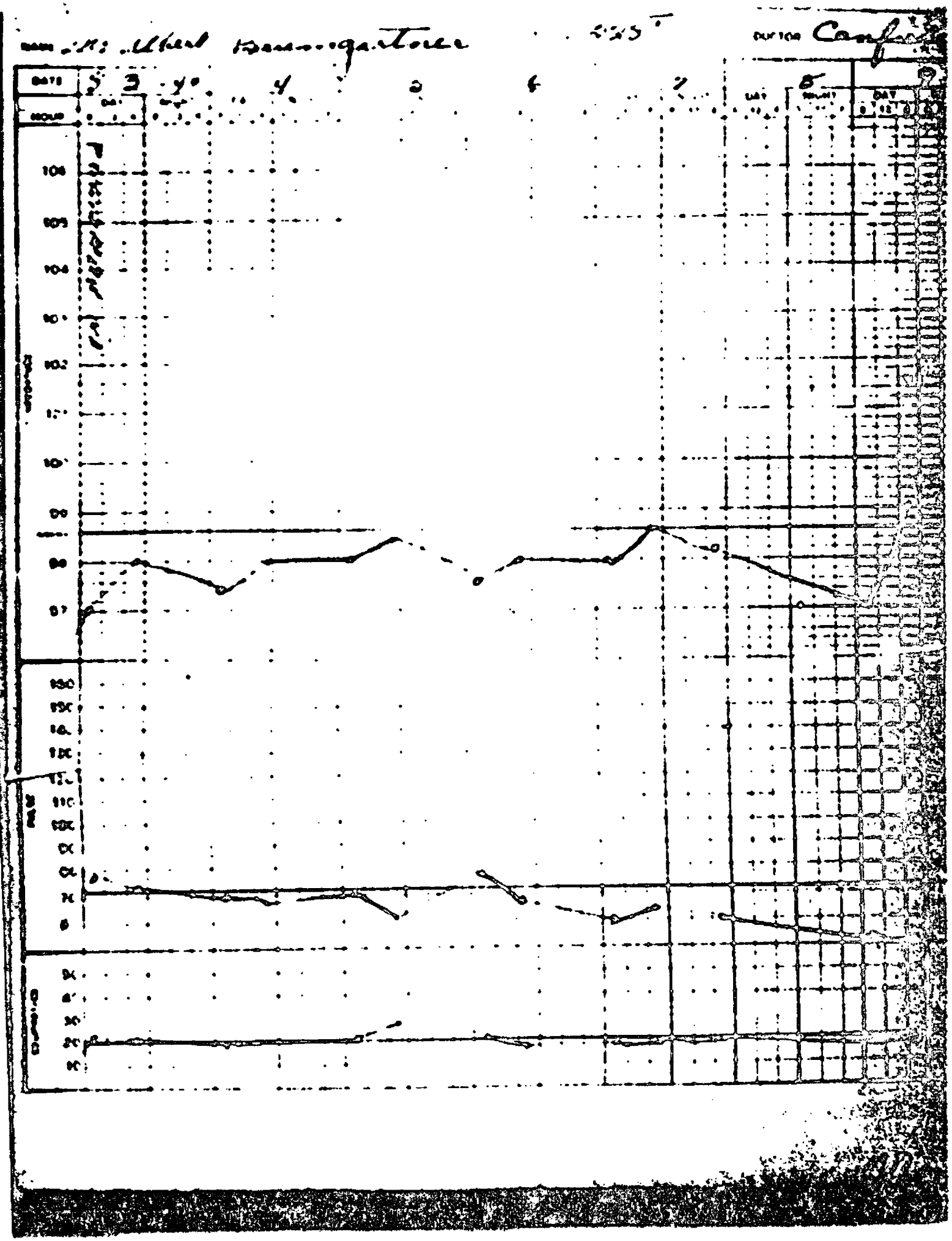

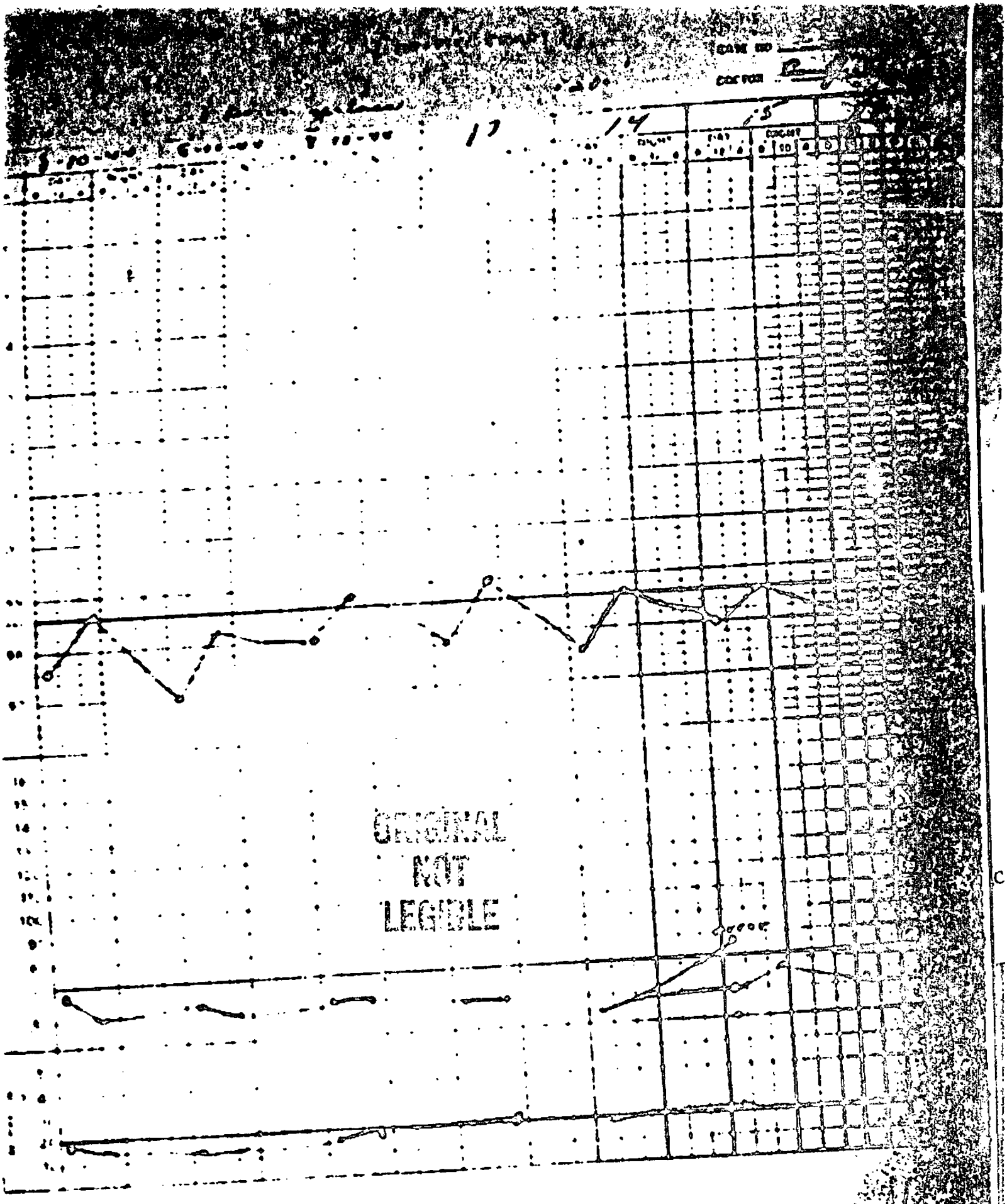
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