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Mr. K. Dunn, Treasurer
New York Office

Thank you very much for your letter of January 26th. I appreciate your consideration of this more than I could tell because I realize that a lot of money is involved and that the returns we may expect will more or less be tangible rather than a definite financial dividend. However, I do honestly feel that Brake Shoe has made a tremendous contribution through this study to our knowledge of dust diseases and I have been extremely proud of the fact that you and management have taken the enlightened and liberal view of the whole situation. Whichever way the experiment turns out I am quite sure that the contribution will be no less important.

I know that Dr. Vorwald sincerely believes that it will give us the answers otherwise he would not suggest its being done. If we are able to show that our grinding dusts are not capable of producing definite occupational disease in experimental animals, we will not only feel better about those cases of nodulation we have caused but will be able to evaluate future exposures much more readily. If, on the other hand, we find that definite silicosis can be produced then we know where we stand. The implications of this study as I have said before, are far-reaching and as Dr. Vorwald has pointed out, if results thus far prove to be conclusive, we will have to change our present thinking and interpretation of nodular x-ray shadows in occupational disease.

I have high hopes for the results of this work and after many discussions with Dr. Gardner and Dr. Vorwald, it is a piece of research that has been needed for a long time.

Am I correct in assuming that you will inform Dr. Vorwald of our decision? I think this should come from you. Again many thanks for your grand cooperation.

Medical Director

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