it was found, particularly in the kamikaze operations off Japan, that the shipboard fires on British carriers were not nearly so severe and not nearly as many people died being burned to death as on the American ships. And, therefore, more and more asbestos was utilized in the American ship construction.

Q Doctor, were any studies in the '40s, epidemiological studies in the '40s relating to asbestos and disease?

A Yes.

Q Can you tell us briefly about those?

A Well, the studies up until the '40s had all dealt with people in plants where raw asbestos was turned into products.

No one had looked at people who used the products after they left the plant, what some people call end product users.

There had been a few case reports of disease occurring in particularly insulators, but nobody had really done a systemic study of population of people