

1 Vandergucht underwent a liver scan.

2 He underwent a proctosigmoidoscopy. They
3 were looking for the primary cancer that was in the
4 umbilical that they didn't know what the origin was.

5 He continued, had a colonoscopy, there were
6 some polyps, but they were benign.

7 In November of 1980, he went in for an
8 exploratory laparotomy because Dr. Steers told Mr. and
9 Mrs. Vandergucht we have to find the origin of the
10 tumor, so they did a laparotomy, an exploration in the
11 abdominal cavity.

12 He had something called intra-abdominal
13 ascites. You see the peritoneal mesothelioma, the
14 tumor is fluid and the fluid accumulates and builds up
15 and continues to build up, it is not supposed to be
16 there, but it is there and it continues to build up
17 and it has to be drained.

18 They did the operation and removed about
19 1.84 gallons of fluid from his abdominal cavity. They
20 did that when they did the laparotomy.

21 When they did the exploration, they opened