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In the last year or two there has been much publicity attached to a rare form of tumour known as mesothelioma. This appears to be commoner in those exposed to asbestos. The problem is at present under urgent review by an Advisory Panel set up by the Senior Medical Inspector of Factories. The risk is certainly no greater in dockers than in other workers exposed to asbestos.

Dr. Hunter and Dr. Kazantzis, his deputy, have been given copies of this letter and agree, in general, with the contents.

I am writing in similar terms to the other parties with an interest in the matter, viz: Mr. T. O'Leary of the Transport and General Workers' Union; Mr. M. J. Brazier of A.A. Brazier & Co., Ltd., and Dr. Gaze of Cape Asbestos Ltd. who have been representing the asbestos importers; and Mr. J. Beech of the National Amalgamated Stevedores and Dockers Union.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) E. N. Tennant,

p.p. (A. F. Hatfull).