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August 25, 1959

Mr. J. S. Taylor
Armstrong Contracting and Supply Corporation
304 Shaw Road
South San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Subject: Robert Zini
W/A - 227277
Claim #8-909122 - Calif.

Your letter of July 30 to John Zeller was the first inkling we had of this death claim. Yesterday we received a letter regarding the same claim from Mr. Abreu, Travelers adjuster, Thermo-Fax enclosed.

We are wondering how you fared with the detailed information we sent you covering the Robert F. Cuthbertson asbestosis claim. Considerable time was spent here in Lancaster accumulating the information, with your office taking additional time to complete the details requested by Travelers adjusters. Is it not a fact that a similar pattern would appear if we prepared the same detailed information for any other pipe covering mechanic? Of course, if Travelers feels each claimant's detailed work record is necessary to protect our interests, we will comply.

Apparently the California Industrial Accident Commission accepts the fact that asbestosis is contracted by pipe covering mechanics although we have had very few awards in other states due to asbestosis.

If an award is made for asbestosis, Travelers should see that we pay only our proportionate share of the award. Zini's lifetime employment with Armstrong covered fifty-seven weeks occurring during the years 1954, 1955, and 1957. Since the man was 53 years old when he died, our proportionate share of the award should be relatively small.

We enclose Photostats of his earnings by weeks for 1954, 1955, and 1957. If you find when giving these Photostats to Mr. Abreu that you need additional details, let us know. At the same time, you might inquire about the filing of the enclosed Employer's Report of Injury form since Zini apparently never reported his condition to us.

Very truly yours,

ARMSTRONG CORK COMPANY

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E. C. Schiedt, Jr.
Insurance Department

Enclosure

J. E. Zeller, ACSS, Lancaster