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Dear Barry:

As we discussed on Friday, I am sending you some of the materials I gathered for McCune, Hiaasen, Crum, Ferris & Gardner of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

I enclose:

- McCune, Hiaasen's letter and memo describing their case and the research
- My memorandum and letter to the firm detailing what I found
- A copy of an article on workplace hazards that affect jewelry workers, from "Job Safety and Health."
- Selected testimony from a congressional hearing regarding occupational diseases and compensation in the jewelry industry. Like the magazine article, this testimony includes mentions of asbestos.
- The 1937 Census of Manufactures for the asbestos products industry. This provides a fascinating look at the industry of that time.
- Swartchild & Co. and Becken Book catalogs offering jeweler's supplies made of asbestos. After 1958, Becken Books no longer offered jeweler's supplies. The library only possessed a couple of years' worth of the Swartchild catalog.
- Copies of advertisements from the principal jewelry trade magazine, the "Jeweler's Circular-Keystone," from 1944 and 1956. After 1956, A. Saunders did not advertise consistently in the JC-K. The final advertisement, from 1956, does not mention asbestos equipment.

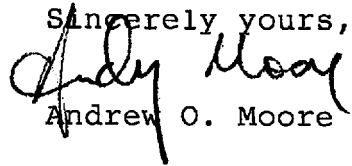
I have held onto copies of some issues of Thomas' Register. I used that source to trace the appearance and disappearance of manufacturers of asbestos products for jewelers.

I think the research was productive, finding several manufacturers still in existence who have sold asbestos products over the years. I trust the law firm has the means to show that these manufacturers were aware of the hazards of asbestos, or that that awareness does not matter for the purposes of a lawsuit.

As I told you over the telephone, I was surprised at the length of time it took me to follow up all the leads in the library's indexes and catalogs related to this subject. But as you have said, that is in the nature of this type of project, where sleuthing begins with very little background.

I did enjoy the project, and proposed to them that I could follow up a couple more leads with trade associations and jewelers. By my standards, the project was also lucrative. Now I can pay for some repairs on this crazy typewriter.

Thanks for referring the firm to me. I look forward to seeing you in the near future, should we find ourselves in the same city. And I think I would like to conduct another project like this again soon.

Sincerely yours,

Andrew O. Moore