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Scott, MacLeish & Falk,
134 South La Salle Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Attention: Mr. C. M. Price

SUBJECT: Dust Survey - Jersey City

Gentlemen:

We are attaching for your information a copy of Dr. Gardner's report, giving the results of his dust survey at Jersey City, and also a report in connection with the examination of the X-rays of about 200 men at the Jersey City plant.

It appears that we have a very hazardous dust condition at Jersey City, and also have a problem with a number of men who now have asbestosis and tuberculosis.

We are taking the necessary steps to provide dust collecting and ventilating equipment, and in the meantime will provide respirators to minimize the dust hazard.

The real problem we have for consideration is that of deciding what to do about the men who now have an occupational disease. If some of those men who have asbestosis should make claim against the company and receive an award, would the United States Gypsum Company have to stand the entire expense or could part of it be prorated to the former owners of the Jersey City plant?

I am attaching a copy of my letter of August 13th to Mr. Keady, summarizing some of the more important points in the report. We realize, of course, that the management of our company must make the final decision as to what action we shall take on notifying the men who have been examined and who have been found to have asbestosis, tuberculosis, or some other disease. We shall also have to come to some decision in connection with the continuation of the employment of our men who have an occupational or other disease, but we would appreciate your advice in this connection since you will, of course, have in mind the legal consideration.

Yours very truly,

UNITED STATES GYPSUM COMPANY

T. R. Farnish

General Service Manager

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