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Dr. Arthur J. Vorwald,
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Asbestosis: Dr. Merewether

Dear Art:-

The enclosed article has just appeared in the Canadian Medical Association Journal. I thought you might be interested and might not see it because our Journal has such a small circulation.

I am rather disappointed that Dr. Merewether's very definite conclusions do not agree with our operating experience. Would you care to comment on his statements? I can't agree about the mortality and tuberculosis figures. Do you suppose that the fabricating processes in England differ from our mining and milling processes so much that our operation is much less hazardous to health? Or are their standards for diagnosis of asbestosis different from ours? I know that the British and some European countries do not require a typical x-ray pattern in order to diagnose asbestosis.

I could ask a thousand questions, but shall not bother you any more now. Perhaps we can discuss the matter more fully when Paul and I go to Saranac. Incidentally I have sent a copy of this letter and article to George.

Sincerely,

Kenneth W. Smith, M.D.

KWS/h.n.