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April 23, 1973

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Dear Hilton:

Last October, in Lyons, Dr. Holmes stated that the Rochdale x-rays (1968, 1970) were going to be reassessed.

Can you tell me whether this has yet been done and, if so, what the results were?

I'd appreciate this a good deal; it would help clarify our current thinking.

With warm personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

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22nd August, 1972

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Dear Dr. Selikoff,

Thank you for your letter dated the 9th August, 1972. Valtor Smith has forwarded your queries to me.

My analysis of 10 year exposure groups by age and sex distribution in Rochdale as at 1st December, 1970 cannot be regarded as the 'same population upon which Knox based his report'. This is true for two main reasons, namely:-

- (1) more people have gone into the 10 years and over category between 1966 and 1970 and some of the original 10 year population will have left our employ between 1966-70.
- (2) Dr. Knox informs me that he reported on a group of men comprising all those who had worked in the 'scheduled areas' of the factory for 10 years and over since 1st January, 1955 and were still in our employ on 30th June, 1970.

It must, therefore, be obvious to you that the populations are not strictly comparable.

With regard to your attempted interpretation of Figures 2 and 3 in my paper, could I draw your attention to the data which accompanied my letter of 28th July. You will see that X-ray abnormality of a type related to asbestos exposure occurred in 25 out of 65 abnormal films in 0-9 years category. The remaining 40 cases had abnormal films not related to exposure including such things as tuberculosis, emphysematous appearances, rib abnormalities, and heart lesions etc., etc.. No X-rays in this group appear to be diagnostic of asbestosis. (See footnote to Table analysing 250 abnormal X-rays in 0-9 years). In the Table

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