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Dr. R. B. Jayne, Senior Surgeon,
Chief, Division of Industrial Hygiene,
National Institute of Health,
U. S. Public Health Service,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor:-

I have received yours of the 20th enclosing a copy of the paper showing the results of the study conducted at our plant during the month of March of this year. I delayed acknowledging this paper immediately as I wished to read same very carefully, and after having read this report I feel that Messrs. Page and Bloomfield have made a very careful study of the conditions existing at this plant. Also, I wish to thank you for the opinion expressed as per the last sentence of the first paragraph of your letter of the 20th.

In regard to the statement as made in the second paragraph of your letter as to your desiring to publish this report in the official organ of the Public Health Service (Public Health Reports), I would like to advise that when Dr. Wilson of the South Carolina State Health Department first approached me in regard to this matter, I advised Dr. Wilson that I would have to first take the matter up with our President, Mr. Turner Simpson, before I could grant his request as to making a study of this plant. After taking the matter up with Mr. Simpson, it was agreed with Dr. Wilson that no publicity would be given as to the results of the inspection by the U. S. Health Department in cooperation with the South Carolina State Department of Health until after your report had been submitted to us and we could pass on same. I am, therefore, in accordance with that understanding, forwarding today to Mr. Simpson the report which you submitted, along with your letter, and requesting Mr. Simpson to give consideration to your request as to the publishing of the report. Just as soon as I hear from him, I will advise you.

I might also state that I have made a copy of this report and have turned it over to Mr. Julian Mitchell for his consideration. Thanking you for having sent me this report and also for your letter of the 20th, and with kindest personal regards to you and also to Messrs. Page and Bloomfield, I remain,

Yours very truly,

GENERAL ASBESTOS & RUBBER DIVISION
of Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.

J. E. Jeffords, Gen. Mgr.

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CC: MR. MITCHELL
MR. SIMPSON

Mr. Simpson

Subj: Study of Dust Conditions
at plant of General Asb. & Rbr. Div.

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I next asked Dr. Wilson if the State of South Carolina had the necessary equipment for making such a study. Dr. Wilson advised me that the State of South Carolina had the necessary equipment for making the dust counts but that the United States Department of Health would furnish the technicians for undertaking this work; also, that the United States Department of Health had the necessary equipment for making x-rays, and that they would bring such equipment to this plant, and that they would handle the work in cooperation with the South Carolina State Board of Health. This Dr. Wilson appeared to be a very pleasant gentleman and seemed to be very much interested and desirous of making this study, and I stated to him that as far as I, personally, was concerned, I was very anxious to see the State take an interest in this matter and that I would write you, recommending that you grant permission; however, that I could not extend this permission to them without your consent.

The next point I asked Dr. Wilson was that if you granted permission for such a study and examination of the plant, if we would be furnished with a copy of the report. He stated that we would.

I next asked him if and when we were bothered with damage suits, if they would testify for us. He stated that the law would not permit them to testify for either a plaintiff or defendant. I said: "that might be the case but I am not asking you to testify for the defendant but asking you if you will testify as to the conditions you found in this plant when you made this examination". He said, "certainly we will be permitted to give testimony as to conditions which we found."

I am submitting all of the above to you and trust that you will see fit to grant this request, which is being made by the South Carolina State Board of Health.

I might further advise that immediately after this gentleman left the office, I phoned Mr. Mitchell and told him as to this visit of Dr. Wilson's and he stated that he would like to discuss this matter with me. I am therefore giving a copy of this letter to Mr. Mitchell and I will request him to write you as to his opinion. As far as I am concerned, I am not afraid of anyone coming in this plant at the present time and making an inspection, and to the best of my recollection some short while ago, I think you made a suggestion that we request members of the Medical profession to come up to the plant and that we serve them a lunch in the Card Room.

I trust you will give this matter your immediate attention, for Dr. Wilson has requested that I advise him as to your decision as soon as possible.

Yours very respectfully,

E. H. Jeffords, General Manager
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P.S. When reading this over I noticed there was one important point I failed to mention, and that is, Dr. Wilson stated that if this permission is granted, they will make an inspection and study of the plant sometime next spring.