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Dr. C.-E. A. Winslow
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New Haven, Conn.

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My dear Winslow:

Dr. Sappington will not be home until tomorrow but I want to acknowledge your report of the 12th and to assure you that I will present it to the Administration Committee on Monday and make reference to it at the Tuesday meeting of the Executive Committee.

I was in St. Paul on Tuesday, attending a number of meetings of our councils and fifteen minutes before train time in the evening met Mr. Fred Wilcox of the Wisconsin Industrial Commission and Mr. R. McA. Keown, the Engineer of the Commission. There two men were traveling from city to city discussing the sand blasting health hazards. Mr. Wilcox showed me two letters from the manager of one of the insurance companies of the State carrying most of the accident and occupational disease insurance. Apparently Mr. Falk has the worst record in the State and he and the insurance company are naturally alarmed at the prospects of any penalties that may accrue to cases of silicosis chargeable to them.

Since Dr. Sappington left for New York we have had several telephone requests in Chicago for copies of the preliminary report. Apparently the commercial people are hearing about this study.

Thanks for the report.

Sincerely yours,

W. H. Cameron
Managing Director

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