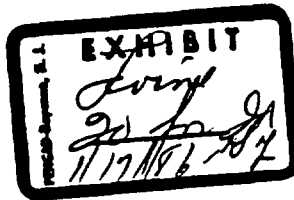


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Mr. Manfred Bowditch
Department of Labor
23 Joy Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Manfred:

On my return from Guatemala I found your letter of the 4th with its enclosure from Mr. Bradley Dewey. I do not think that his explanation that Russian and Rhodesian asbestos might be the cause of asbestosis is the proper one. I cannot help but feel that the length of the fibre has more to do with it. However, one must admit that there have apparently been more cases of this disease in your state than Tony was able to detect up at Mannheim and other places.

I talked with Tony not so long ago and promised to send him autopsy reports on all the cases I have seen. His experience with x-rays tends to make him minimize the condition, but certainly it is a real thing and cannot be shrugged off too easily. On the other hand I do not believe that we are seeing the extreme cases that have been reported from England.

Thanking you most kindly for keeping me informed, I am, with very best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "L. U. Gardner".

Leroy U. Gardner, M.D.
Director

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