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Saranac Laboratory
Asbestos Dust Experiments

With the request that you treat it with the utmost confidence and make it available to no one outside your organization, I am enclosing what purports to be 'Part I' of a report by the Saranac Laboratory entitled 'Asbestos Pneumoconiosis'.

My own comments after a preliminary study of the report are contained in the attached memorandum, which will likewise refresh your recollection as to the origin of the experiments covered thereby.

Saranac will undoubtedly wish to publish the report either independently or in conjunction with the proposed report on 'Human Asbestosis', and it would likewise appear desirable from the point of view of the industry that the report be published provided some of the speculative comments are omitted.

As a preliminary to a discussion with representatives of Saranac, a meeting of representatives of the companies which financed the experiments is indicated. I am therefore inviting the companies to which this memorandum is addressed to be represented at a luncheon in the Johns-Manville Corporation Board Room on Thursday, November 11, at 12:30 p.m. During and following the luncheon the report can be reviewed. If you are unable to have a representative attend, it would be desirable for you to designate some representative of another company to act for you in connection with decisions that will have to be made.

Please advise me as promptly as possible whether you will be able to attend and give me the name of your representative.

In any event, please see that the draft of the report is returned to me on or before November 11 either by mail or by your representative. It is obviously undesirable that the report in its present form receive any distribution or publicity outside a limited number of people in our respective organizations.

Very truly yours,

Vandiver Brown,
Secretary and
General Attorney

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