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M. E. Pendleton, Insulation Division, Buffalo — July 25, 1957

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Vincent P. Coll
Occupational Disease

According to a notice received from our insurance broker, Travelers has established a $27,500 reserve on an asbestosis claim filed by Vincent P. Coll. Although the date of the accident is shown as January 15, 1957, payroll records here in Lancaster indicate the last day worked by this man was March 29, 1957, at which time he was laid off due to no work.

In reviewing his employment record, we find he worked a total of 59 weeks for Armstrong, and only half of this time, approximately 1,100 hours, was spent on jobs which called for the use of products containing asbestos, air cell and magnesia insulation.

A review of the payrolls indicates Coll usually worked with a small gang, five men or less. We are wondering if there was any particular reason for this, and because of the small gang, could we safely say that a power saw was not used on any of his jobs or any preliminary work he might have performed in the warehouse.

Could you give us his date of birth and whether or not he has any children under 18 years of age? Your replies will be used in an effort to have Travelers reduce the $27,500 reserve.

According to the terms of our insurance policy, $25,000 is the maximum amount Travelers may charge for one claim. However, when the first retrospective rating is made, Armstrong will be required to deposit with Travelers this maximum charge of $25,000 plus 14.03% or a total of $28,508. The first retrospective rating will be made shortly after July 1, 1958, and subsequent retrospective ratings will be made at twelve month intervals. In these subsequent ratings, the amount of the deposit on this claim could vary considerably. Adjustments are made to reflect the actual loss incurred if the claim has been settled, or the estimated costs if the claim is still open.

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