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Dear Sirs:

No doubt, you have read the article which has recently appeared in several newspapers on the "incidence of asbestos in cancer". A translation is forwarded to you just in case you might have missed it.

Sincerely yours,

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TRANSLATION

LE DEVOIR, Montreal, Tuesday, May 11, 1965

A FEDERAL INQUIRY ON POSSIBLE INCIDENCE OF ASBESTOS IN CANCER

Toronto - A federal inquiry may let us know if asbestos produced in Canada can cause cancer.

In its journal the Canadian Medical Association declares that, after the issuing of reports that some asbestos workers had died of cancer in other countries, a survey by the Canadian Government was in the preparatory stage. It is emphasized, however, that in these countries the asbestos extracted from the mines is different from that produced in Canada.

Moreover, some chemical and mineral products found in certain grades of asbestos fibre have to be taken into consideration. It will have to be proved that these chemical and mineral agents are carcinogenic carriers and, whether or not, they are found in Canadian asbestos.

The journal, in an editorial and in the publication of a special report on discoveries made by a group of international scientists, says that inhalation of asbestos dust is sometimes related to tumors existing in workers of foreign countries.

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According to the magazine, recent research work in medicine outlines that there not only exists a great danger of bronchitic carcinoma (cancer) for workers affected with pulmonary lesions caused by inhalation of asbestos dust, but, that other types of tumors can develop in workmen exposed to asbestos, occasionally after a short time, but always, after a long period of time.

IN CANADA

The journal of the Medical Association observes that so far very little research work had been conducted concerning "CHRYSO TILE", the type of asbestos found in Canada. Our country is the world leading producer of asbestos, supplying 42% of the world-wide consumption; 90% of the ore come from the Province of Quebec.

The article refers to experiences carried out in South Africa and Great Britain which indicate a certain relationship between asbestos and cancer. Mention is also made of a report submitted by a group of 40 scientists from Australia, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain and Italy, South Africa and the United States.

The study under preparation in Canada is being organized by the Industrial Hygiene Division of the Federal Department of Health and Social Welfare.

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