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Ed Rubin
Asbestos Litigation Group

Dear Ed,

Here is more material from Albert Donnay. As this stuff is particularly applicable to your cases and you are the project leader on mining inquiries, I am sending it on to you for forwarding to the rest of ALG via the Trustees. I also ask that you send me a duplicate copy of all the enclosures for my own files (I have no xerox on my farm).

I will continue trying to reach the unionists this week, asking for the kinds of evidence requested in my letter to Robert Sauvé of March 31. I have asked Albert to get onto Le Devoir, but he is in the middle of exams and may be a couple of weeks getting to that. If there's a hurry, I can think of something.

I will also take this occasion to bill ALG for time spent since the last billing of March 22. Virtually all of this time was spent on the Canada inquiry, with about 1 hour procuring new bills in Congress on product liability (sent to Ron Motley).

research time	9 hours @ \$50	\$450
expenses (travel, phone, mailing)		<u>50</u>
TOTAL		<u>\$500</u>

Please forward this bill and the enclosures to Fred Baron, with the request that I be authorized to continue this investigation as you and I see fit, with another \$500-1000 commitment by ALG to pay for my efforts. I would prefer to receive at least part of this in advance, as there tends to be a 1-2 month delay at least, in the payment of my bills to ALG.

Hope you have a good time with this stuff, ED!

Sincerely,

Barry

P.S. Albert Donnay's hourly rate is \$10.00, in case he neglected to tell you that in his bill. Albert's done an outstanding job of checking IOEH, La Presse, and other sources.

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Baray. copy.

Dear Mr. Rubin

April 10, 1988 to IOEH
Dr. Pelnar, Secretary

Some good news for you I hope. I nudged and poked and prodded and by talking a lot learned that, yes, there are QAMA minutes going back to 1931 (when founded) of executive meetings (held several times a year in various locations) and of advisory committee meetings. ^{1) see footnote} ~~which also~~
The latter ^{committee} present reports at the larger annual executive meetings. The man responsible for these minutes is ~~the~~

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and according to Pelnar at IOEH, Filteau probably won't let me see them (business secrets etc) but ^{he} would probably get the information I wanted from them for me. I had asked for financial details of the studies they sponsored, in part, prior to 1966. Upon Pelnar's reaction I assure you the files exist and are potentially hot. He couldn't say for sure, but thought it most likely the files did go back right to the QAMA's earliest days. He added that Filteau in Québec had been secretary of QAMA since the 50's at least.

P.S. excuse the written scrawl, but I'm in exam period at school and am too busy for better. I apologize for the un-neat style.

1) IOEH also has its minutes. these are in Montreal at the IOEH/QAMA library. address in a prior report.

and would surely be able to help me. Pelnar was trying to get me off his back - difficulty answering questions about the early ~~pre~~ (1966) research. We finally came up with: (and he swears this ^{list} is complete, although "surely I thought there were more than this" was his reaction to how short it is)

- 1928 independent companies, ^(the future RAMA) at Saranac Lake Conference, initiate Gardner's Research, published in 1931
- 1931 Gardner Report. Pelnar claims this is de facto RAMA, even though RAMA only formed ~~the~~ this year it was published.
- 1935 RAMA with metropolitan Life, 1st Lanza Report
- 1944 " " " " Heatley Report
- 1951 RAMA, comprehensive Saranac Lake Report by Vorwald, Durkan, Pratt (enclosed)
- 1952 Seventh Saranac Lake Symposium.
Somewhere, there is a lot of unpublished material from here says Pelnar.
one thing that was published, Saranac Laboratory Report (enclosed #2537)
- 1958 Braun and Trean Report

all the rest you know about, and is documented in the enclosed Research Projects Report of the IOEH, see pg XI

- 1) - the 105 books and articles mentioned on pg XII are not pre 1966. rather these are the ^{publications} ~~pre-1966~~ 1966-1976 detailed in this Report. I have included an update Pelnar gave me today. "Books", not included in this Report, were not really "books" and number less than a dozen. Mainly minutes of International Conferences, Reports to Beaudry Commission in Quebec, etc. This Research Projects Report I have included itself counts as an IOEH book!
- 2) - i mentioned on the phone that GATA secretaries had said the main activity of RAMA was and is P.R. for asbestos. Dr. Pelnar was more impressed by ~~RAMA~~ work in "standardizing the industry", especially

*) Pelnar was referring to his manuscript on the history of Asbestos research that he is preparing for publication later this year.

project 5
by Vigliani, Italy
Skippy and workmen
is enclosed.
it was discontinued
by IOEH

in establishing a uniform system of describing asbestos materials.
He stressed the work done by their technical research lab.

Remember, the QAMA and IOEH are separately incorporated but have identical Boards of Directors. (IRDA in Sherbrooke also has the same QAMA board)
each has basically only one employee, the Secretary.
Filteau at QAMA, Pelmar at IOEH. All the QAMA advisory committees ^(legal, transportation, health etc.) are staffed by people (volunteers) from QAMA companies. ~~The~~ The occupational health advisory committee's one doctor consultant ~~acts~~ acts as liaison between the IOEH and QAMA occup. health meetings.

Good luck with Filteau,

Albert Dornay.

cc: Barry Castleman.

P.S. Bill for my time & hrs. phone calls and postage \$10

P.P.S. I sent Barry some newspaper clippings from the 1975 Quebec strike that mention Cartier and health a lot. I'm sorry, again, but I was unable to get them in time to send to you as well.

P.P.P.S. I just called Barry, ~~Barry to the~~ and we went through all this material by phone. He has nicely agreed to phone the Quebec Unions from Washington so I can get back to my exams for a little while. They should be cooperative, and will more likely be impressed by long distance than by efforts I could make here. Thank you all for giving me the work and opportunities you have - I really enjoy and appreciate it!

Dear Barry,

So here's all the stuff. don't forget to look at it!

Contents: send IN THIS ORDER

- send ~~off~~ the Murray Original.

- send ~~off~~ the Albany '56 card (no mention of asbestos but i think you got confused w/ the Danmoh article)

- i send you the abstracts and cards of the Vigliani research sponsored (and then cancelled) by IOEH research, as well as the pertinent papers themselves. $\Rightarrow$ look.

- i ~~we~~ wrote the letter to Rubin (i enclosed a copy of the draft to you) it didn't look so bad in the end.

- i send you 3 papers still from our evening in the Medical Library here.

- i send you my original glossy of the asbestos picture w/ a reference where you can find more.

- i send you the Heatley Report (w/ QAMA & Metro Life 1944) as well as a ^{Varwald} paper from Saranac Lake 1951 (2153)

you've seen and one maybe you haven't - IOEH# 2537

IOEH CANCELLED PROJECTS 3 & 4:

says
Pelner

- Marc Trudeau's graduate thesis study of asbestos counts in lakes and rivers are not yet finished or published.

- The ~~study~~ follow up health studies of asbestos miners in Quebec (cancelled as ~~QAMA~~ research cuz it's now considered routine and paid for by individual companies) are not published either.