

7/11/47 - H.S. Freynik - Chief Metallurgist.

*Vacation interpose with Urban's visit - also - little
be work done now -
Repeat visit proposed later with Urban & J.V. Hackett when
they attend symposium.*

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July 16, 1947

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Mr. H. S. Freynik
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Dear Mr. Freynik:

Thank you for your letter of July 11th. We will of course be very glad to discuss any matters of common interest with regard to beryllium with you and Mr. Hackett at the time of our symposium, but we had greatly hoped to accomplish at least some of this prior thereto through the medium of Mr. Urban.

The purpose of our symposium is to bring together in one place, for the benefit of industry, all that is now known about the possible toxicity of beryllium and to discuss this in a sane and scientific manner. The best qualified speakers will come here from various parts of the country and it may interest you to know that we anticipate having a series of eight papers on beryllium by scientists connected with the Atomic Energy Commission, something which has not been attempted before. Since various technical members of our own staff will participate in the discussion, it is essential that we fill as many gaps in our knowledge as possible between now and September. Since we have been engaged for some twenty-five years in the investigation of occupational disease problems for leading industries throughout the country, it need hardly be said that no information which we have or may secure will be used to anyone's detriment.

That the purpose and importance of this gathering have been appreciated by our industrial friends is evidenced by the fact that twenty-one companies have told us that they will welcome a visit by Mr. Urban, while only one other negative reply has been received. Although no formal announcement of the symposium has yet been issued, it is already evident that applications for attendance will far exceed our capacity.

If, in the light of the above, you feel that you wish to re-consider our request, it will be most gratifying.

Sincerely yours,

Manfred Bowditch
Field Director

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