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Mr. P.E. Rogers, President
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Dear Brother Rogers:

As you know, my office has been in constant communication with your local through International Representative Stokes about the seriousness of the asbestos problem.

Air readings from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health taken in the Pittsburgh Corning plant are cause for grave concern. My discussion with Dr. William Nicholson of the Mount Sinai School of Environmental Science in New York leaves no doubt that every individual in that plant will develop asbestosis and surviving that, the very likely possibility of developing the cancer mesothelioma.

The amount of asbestos fibers in the air in that plant are so great that every expert on the subject is shocked when they are made aware of the problem.

I fully understand the fears the members of the group have for their jobs. However, the workers must fully understand that their health and longevity is very definitely at stake.

International Representative Stokes is working very closely with this office and we are prepared to go to any length to see to it that the conditions in that plant are corrected.

Fraternally yours,

Anthony Mazzocchi
Director
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cc: Mr. Billie Stokes
Mr. Morris Akin



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Dear Dr. Selikoff:

Thank you for your June 20 letter, (It took 6 days to get to Bethesda!) about the possible work on the Tyler, Texas problem. We've started work on the protocol and I expect to have many unanswered questions by the time we get a first draft. I've written Joe Waggoner for some background data, but we'll be able to start before we hear from him.

Your suggestions about lab work to be done look thoroughly reasonable. I'll try to find out the minimum work-up for a chemotherapeutic agent. I think there should be more for a prophylactic agent. I think both Dr. Sporn and Dr. Saffiotti will be interested in getting the lab work done.

All good wishes,

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Marvin", is written above the typed name.

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