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Dear Art:

It was good to get your letter of May 25. However, the comment indicating that the monograph on asbestosis is going to be later than we thought is disturbing.

There is a real ferment under way in Quebec on this whole subject of industrial health. Laymen with little knowledge of occupational disease problems are writing articles in magazines and newspapers, organized employees have apparently become exercised over a situation that is anything but clear, and the Government itself has made some statements and taken certain steps that could well put the mining industry in general, and ourselves in particular, into real difficulties.

We hope that the information from Saranac will be of real help in getting at some matters that are facts and not conjectures.

Please do everything you can to bring this monograph to a conclusion as soon as possible. Because of the many developments taking place in Quebec, I wonder if you will let me know just when you now think the monograph will be available to us.

The matter of studying fibers at Saranac that we have worked in the asbestos industry for some time was reviewed by Mr. Fisher when he was recently in Canada. He asked that the entire plan be outlined and submitted to us here before we get under way, and we should have some information about this very soon.

Sincerely yours,

S. P. Woodard

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