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INDUSTRIAL TOXICOLOGY

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Gerard Strobe, President.
General Electric Company
120 Broadway
New York, N.Y.

Dear Gerard:

Can you give me an introduction to someone connected with the Standard Oil Company who is in a position to give the Harvard School of Public Health permission to send a graduate student into the refineries of New Jersey in order to find out what he can about the occurrence of skin cancer among the workmen?

The Health Committee of the League of Nations has undertaken an international study of industrial cancer and has asked me, as one of the American members, to take charge of the study in this country. We have here at the School a man who is competent to carry it out and we shall, of course, supervise his work. Since the largest number of cases of skin cancer in Great Britain have developed in connection with paraffin oil, pitch and tar, we plan to have the study begin in some center where we might expect to find cases.

We have no acquaintance in the oil refining industry except among the industrial physicians and although they will co-operate with us, they cannot give us permission to make the study. I thought you probably would be able to give me a letter to the proper person, or perhaps tell me of somebody who could.

Very sincerely yours

Lillian H. Hurd

