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Bartells in Seattle, Kircher Asbestos in Phoenix, and Western Asbestos in San Francisco concerned about compensation claims for lung disease.

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ASSOCIATED INSULATION CONTRACTORS
of the Western States

August 22, 1966

Mr. C. L. Sheckler
Industrial Health Division
Johns-Manville Sales Corporation
22 East 49 Street
New York, N. Y 10016

Dear Mr. Sheckler:

I am writing to invite you to participate in the Annual Meeting of the Associated Insulation Contractors of the Western States at Palm Springs on November 15th and 16th. Your familiarity and participation in the problems of controlling lung disease is a subject close to all insulation contractors at this time. We would hope you would be able to be with us and could give us some insights from your experience on what contractors may do to prevent and control lung disease in the insulation industry.

You may already be familiar with our West Coast Association. Several members of the Johns-Manville office in New York have attended our Annual Meetings at various times. Dr. Ken Smith was with us several years ago to give us some of the medical aspects of lung disease.

We have about 50 members in the Association that are spread throughout the western states. Many of these are representatives of Johns-Manville, as you probably know, as for example, the Bartells Company here in Seattle, Kircher Asbestos in Phoenix, Western in San Francisco, and so forth. All of the[illegible]ave become concerned over the Union's interest and push in compens[illegible] individuals who have a lung disease. We on the West Coast are active[illegible]empting to inaugurate an occupational health program that will have preventive aspects to it. Your advice and experience here would be most helpful to us, and many of the contractors are quite anxious that you come to our Annual Meeting on November 15th and 16th if at all possible, and share your knowledge and experience with us on this matter.

Our program session would provide you with 20 or 30 minutes to make a presentation. Some time should be set aside then for discussion and for questions and answers. Our sessions are relaxed, but business-like.

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If you have any questions regarding our Association or the Annual Meeting, I would be most happy to answer them. I certainly hope that you would be available to be with us on either the 15th or 16th or both days if your schedule will permit. We have program sessions on either day which can be set aside for your topic.

I hope that I shall hear from you in the very near future.

Very truly yours

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cc: Board of Directors

/s/ Kenneth M. McCaffree

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Division Headquarters
May 25, 1966

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Harmful Effects of Asbestos Dust
Dr. Irving J. Selikoff

As I informed you recently, a Health and Safety Committee has been established in NIMA. The committee met on May 10 and elected C. L. Scheckler, Acting Chairman. Attached is a copy of the report of the Committee meeting.

Mr. Scheckler and Dr. Smith attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of NIMA held on May 24.

During the meeting they gave a detailed report on what the Health and Safety Committee proposes and on the activities of a group of five manufacturers who are contributing to a research project being conducted by the Industrial Hygiene Foundation of America. The result of the discussions were that we have basically three areas of interest.

1. Determination of the true long term effects of exposure to fibrous material. This apparently is being taken care of by the project at the Industrial Hygiene Foundation.

2. Determination of whether or not fibrous glass duct and duct liners present a health hazard.

3. The presentation of a stand to the insulating contracting industry which can be taken towards the union on occupational hazards.

Mr. Scheckler, after giving his report told us he had acted as stand-in for Dr. Smith who had been ill and will now retire from the committee, and that Dr. Smith would be our permanent member.

After our discussion I then pointed out that our immediate need is towards the insulation contracting industry and suggested that the Health and Safety Committee prepare a program for presentation to them. It is our opinion that this can best be done with the regional associations where I believe our communications would be better than at the NDCHA National Meeting. It was my feeling that these areas should be covered in the presentation:

1. Medical explanation of the problem.
2. Attitude toward the union in future negotiations.
3. Workmen's Compensation claims.
4. A program of x-ray examinations for asbestos workers.
5. Job precautions to be taken to avoid exposure to dust hazard.

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