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Mr. Lester Levin
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Gentlemen:

I am pleased that you have agreed to serve with me as a working group on the assignment given us by Mr. N. V. Hendricks, Chairman of the API Committee on Industrial Hygiene.

Our assignment, as you know, is to look into the matter of possible adverse health effects among insulators in the oil industry due to exposures to asbestos dust. I plan to invite the medical directors of the various oil companies to provide us with medical information on the health status of their refinery insulators. I believe that some companies have already compiled this information and hope that it will be made available to us. However, some additional information will be needed as to the relative amount of asbestos insulation being used as compared to the amount used in earlier years.

Currently there appears to be some confusion about the health of insulators because of an assumption among some writers that all insulators are exposed only to asbestos dust. As I see it, one of the things that our group can do is to learn the relative role of asbestos in present refinery insulating materials.

I will let you know when I receive the needed data so that we can review it and prepare a report of our study.

Sincerely,

Allan E. Dooley

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