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Dear Paul and Ken:

In accordance with our discussion, the revised form to be used in the epidemiological survey of asbestosis and cancer is attached. As I remember, you were to prepare a sufficient number of copies to cover the case roentgenograms of men employed during the last five years.

It was thought, you will recall, that only the last roentgenogram of each case would be reviewed. Also, it is important that pertinent data be entered in all other columns of the form. In that regard we recognized that the location and exposure column would offer some difficulties. As you may remember, a job analysis would have to be carried on by both of you so that the operation in Thetford might be compared with a similar one in Asbestos. The location would be identified by a large numeral and the exposure in years (or months) by a small sub-numeral.

It may interest you to know that during my last visit to New York I had the opportunity to participate in an informal discussion regarding asbestosis and pulmonary cancer. One of the discussants was drawing conclusions but on only a very few cases and, as he admitted, with little, if any, knowledge of asbestosis. This emphasizes the importance of your epidemiological study and the urgency with which it should go forward.

Madge and I hope to be visiting you some time this summer. Until then, every good wish,

Sincerely yours,

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Director, The Trudeau Foundation
and The Saranac Laboratory

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ASBESTOSIS AND PULMONARY CANCER

Epidemiological Survey Based Upon Chest Roentgenograms

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