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Mr. F. H. Edwards
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Dear Mr. Edwards:

You and Dr. Bishop may have noticed or had your attention drawn to the article of Dr. Selikoff and his associates, which appeared in the Journal of the American Medical Association dated April 6 (198:22, 1964). My letter to Dr. Talbott (John H. Talbott, M.D.), Editor of the Journal of the American Medical Association reached him too late to permit me to act in any manner on the information which you had given me.

An examination of the article demonstrates that it deals solely with asbestos, as its title implies, "Asbestos Exposure and Neoplasia." No reference is made directly or indirectly to fibrous glass or to "Fiberglas," and so far as I can see the evidence presented and its interpretation is not biased or unreasonable. If there are criticisms to be made, I am quite content to leave them to my colleagues who specialize in the pneumoconioses, and their aftermath.

You may be interested to know, confidentially, that Dr. Talbott telephoned me and informed me of the impending publication, offering me the opportunity to comment promptly for publication in the Journal. Having read the article I have informed him, as I have you, that I have nothing to say.

I am pleased, of course, for your sake and my own, at the outcome of this matter.

Cordially yours,

RAK:vr

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