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2 A. It's a top person's broad sheet on

3 Sunday.

4 Q. Is it somewhat similar to, say, The New

5 York Times in the United States?

6 A. I would imagine so, yes.

7 Q. It's a respected paper?

8 A. It is.

9 MR. LANIER: Objection, form.

10 Q. That's fine. You can put that down.

11 Thank you, Mr. Sayers.

12 Did you receive -- during this time

13 period 1967 after the BBC broadcast, did you

14 receive questions from customers about asbestos and

15 health?

16 MR. POLK: I object to the form of the

17 question.

18 MR. BROWNSON: I object as leading.

19 MR. LANIER: Objection, form.

20 Q. Mr. Sayers, after January of 1967 did

21 you receive any comments or inquiries from

22 customers about issues of asbestos and health?

23 A. As I was doing my technical rounds,

24 people did raise the issue, that is true.

25 Q. Did you see any evidence or have any

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2 information as you were doing your rounds that

3 ordinary workers had become aware of this publicity

4 about asbestos and health?

5 A. Yes. When I visited paper mills that

6 were using our product, I was alarmed to see

7 cuttings from not that newspaper but other

8 newspapers actually stuck onto the hydropulper

9 which was a point of entry for the asbestos into

10 the slurry system.

11 MR. LANIER: Excuse me for interrupting.

12 sir. I apologize to you.

13 The article that you've handed me I'm

14 reading and it says "continued on page 3,"

15 and I don't think I have page 3.

16 MR. WILL: We'll give you page 3.

17 MR. LANIER: Can I have that, please?

18 Thank you. I apologize for interrupting.

19 Q. Before the interruption, Mr. Sayers, I

20 think you were mentioning the articles you've seen

21 workers post on the hydropulper --

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. -- in paper mills; is that correct?

24 A. That is correct.

25 Q. In addition to the workers in the paper

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2 mills, were you aware of any other workers that had

3 exhibited some awareness of asbestos and health?

4 A. Clearly the dockers must have been aware

5 because they were refusing to handle the product.

6 Q. Asbestos?

7 A. Yes, all asbestos.

8 Q. Did you then begin to gather some

9 information that you used to prepare this report,

10 Exhibit I?

11 A. Yes, I did.

12 Q. And in the report at page 8, paragraph

13 3.3, you mentioned literature surveys; is that

14 correct?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Was that one of the things that you did

17 to get information?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. What was involved in the literature

20 surveys?

21 A. Well, you've got to bear in mind that I

22 was traveling the country at the time, so the

23 surveys were somewhat intermittent. By good

24 fortune in London we had the best technical

25 library available to us at the Patents Office,

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2 Chancery Lane. I spent several evenings and some

3 portion of days going through the available

4 literature at that time.

5 Q. Did you make any copies of anything you

6 found?

7 A. Yes. It was just possible in those

8 days.

9 Q. Other than you, was anybody else

10 involved in the literature survey?

11 A. It was primarily myself.

12 Q. You mentioned in your article, Exhibit

13 I, at page 7 some medical authorities that you

14 spoke with; is that correct?

15 A. Yes, that is so.

16 Q. Before we get on to the medical

17 authorities, let me ask you this: Were the

18 articles that you collected, were they something

19 that were publicly available?

20 A. Oh, yes, in a public library.

21 Q. Was any of this a secret or concealed

22 information?

23 A. In no way whatsoever.

24 Q. Turning now to the three individuals

25 you've listed on page 7, how was it that you