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SEAMEN'S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & SAFETY CENTER

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Dear Merchant Marine Officer:

It goes without saying that officers who sailed merchant ships were exposed to the same risks of health hazards as the crewmen.

You inhaled asbestos dust with every breath you took on the ships you sailed. It is no wonder most career seamen have asbestosis. The disease creeps up on victims slowly and usually cripples before it kills.

Many officers and crewmen with whom you sailed are receiving money damages for the health effects of the exposure to asbestos aboard ships. There is no reason for you to be left out. Researchers say that longtime seamen are sure to have the disease festering in their bodies even if it has not as yet shown up on tests. Like tens of thousands of seamen who have already found out they have the problem, it would behoove you to have a special film test of your lungs.

If you are short of breath, particularly when climbing stairs, or tire easily, or maybe feel a strange tightness in your chest, then absolutely, you should be tested. Remember, EARLY DETECTION CAN SAVE YOUR LIFE and we have asked the Maritime Asbestosis Legal Clinic to schedule you at an approved X-ray center near your home at NO COST TO YOU. Fill out the card and you will be scheduled for special X-ray testing at once.

Send the enclosed card to me now and I will see to it that your health and legal rights are protected and secured.

With sincere regards, I remain

Yours truly,

Composed but not signed by

JOHN F. THOMPSON

REAR ADMIRAL, USCG, Deceased