

1 pathologists called by the plaintiffs.

2 I asked him, would it be fair to say that
3 your opinion is that the background rate for
4 mesothelioma in the general population would be
5 somewhere in the neighborhood of one to two cases per
6 million per year?

7 And he said yes. One to two cases per
8 million people per year.

9 Dr. Hammar said something else that is
10 pretty interesting though. He agreed that the
11 estimates prepared by Dr. Nicholson that say that
12 between the years of 1940 and 1979 six and a half
13 million people worked as automobile mechanics in this
14 country. Dr. Hammar agreed with that estimate.

15 He also stated that if you looked at the
16 number of people alive today, that number would
17 probably be higher.

18 But let's just take the number six and a
19 half million, and let's take Dr. Hammar's own
20 numbers.

21 If you multiply the two cases per million