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Mrs. H. C. Scobie
Sears Roebuck and Company
2900 Reading Road
Cincinnati 6, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Scobie:

I did not see the article in News Week but have seen others published in various lay journals.

It is true that there is hope for silicotics although this is confined largely to preventing further development and does not necessarily mean that established disease can be cured. In some cases there has been a relief of symptoms. One cannot anticipate what the results of treating established silicosis may be in any particular case as all do not respond equally well.

Before encouraging you to send your husband up here for a study I would suggest that you ask Dr. Skavlem to send me his films and any information that he may think desirable. We could then decide whether it would seem reasonable to hope that we might do anything for him. I don't want to discourage you but I should state that the most that we could promise you would be to prevent further progression of his dust reaction. If he also has complicating infection of the lungs we would not think it advisable to offer him treatment. We will be glad to do anything we can for you.

Sincerely yours,

Leroy U. Gardner, M. D.
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