3. Because of Point 2 above, it is reasonable to postulate that due to the increase in the use of asbestos and the size of the population at risk that it will be in the years ahead that the problem will develop rather than necessarily being present at this time.

4. If we can demonstrate that at present there is no undue incidence of carcinoma due to asbestos, this will be very gratifying; but it does not mean that the study should end. It will be important to continue monitoring the exposed populations and a suitable control group to see whether (because of Point 3) an occupational disease develops at a later date.

If we considered the points made at the meeting in October 1966 valid, then they remain valid today and we should put them into operation subject always to modification in the light of further information.

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