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Mr. [illegible] Stover,
Inquirer Bldg., [illegible] Fl.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Re: Air Hygiene Foundation of America
Membership Meeting of Nov. [illegible]

Dear Mr. Stover:

I am writing to report upon the meeting of the members of Air Hygiene Foundation of America, Incorporated which was held in Pittsburgh on November [illegible].

The meeting was attended by a large and most enthusiastic group comprising approximately 200 persons. These consisted of members, guests of the Foundation and many specialists in the field of air hygiene - medical, engineering, legal and governmental.

Dr. A. J. Lanza, Medical Director of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and Chairman of the Medical Committee of the Foundation, addressed the meeting on behalf of his Committee and gave a brief summary of the initial report of the Medical Committee, which has not as yet been published but publication of which is anticipated shortly. It is my belief that this Medical Committee report will constitute a major contribution upon the question of dust diseases from the medical viewpoint. It will contain a summary of the best scientific opinion upon many of the difficult problems involved and [illegible] availed by all industries having an actual or potential dust hazard.

Professor Philip Drinker, of the Harvard School of Public Health, Chairman of the Preventive Engineering Committee of the Foundation, discussed the problem from the engineering point of view with special emphasis upon prevention through dust eliminating apparatus and respirators. I have already provided you with a copy of Bulletin No. 1 of the [illegible]

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ventive Engineering Series of the Foundation. Further valuable contribution are anticipated from this Committee.

Mr. Alfred C. Hirth, Chairman of the Legal Committee, summarized the work of his Committee during the first year of the existence of the Foundation. You have been provided with the seven parts of Bulletin No. 1 of the Legal Committee and, therefore, have some idea of the work performed by this Committee during the first year of its operation. These Bulletins constitute a compilation of the laws and court decisions of the 48 States and the District of Columbia which have bearing upon the question of employer responsibility for occupational disease. They have filled a long-felt want and constitute a unique contribution. Secretary of Labor Perkins has praised these Bulletins in unqualified terms and has asserted that they have proved of great value to her and to the Committees of the Department of Labor which are conducting an investigation of dust diseases.

Mr. Theodore Waters, a member of the Legal Committee, read to the meeting excerpts from Bulletin No. 2 of the Legal Series, which is to be published shortly. It constitutes a study and criticism of provisions for occupational disease legislation. It is a splendid discussion of this problem and was enthusiastically received. In view of the fact that many state legislatures will be considering the adoption or revision of occupational disease legislation during the next few years, the importance of this thorough-going analysis of what dust disease legislation should and should not contain cannot be over-emphasized.

Although the Air Hygiene Foundation is approaching various problems [illegible] from a practical viewpoint, it is, nevertheless, the creature of industry and is the one institution upon which employers can rely completely for a sympathetic appreciation of their viewpoint. Its aim is to bring scientific knowledge to [illegible] effort to appraise the evil, to advance scientific knowledge of many of its doubtful aspects and to suggest remedies, both preventive and curative. As such, it deserves and should receive the unqualified support of all members of industries faced with a dust disease hazard.

Membership through trade associations will no longer provide employers with the benefits of the Foundation. I am enclosing herewith a quantity of membership application forms and of schedules of membership charges for 1937. I urge that you provide copies of these applications, together with the scale of charges, to all members of the asbestos industry and I hope you will see fit to recommend that they participate, through membership, in the burdens as well as in the benefits to be derived from the continued

possibility of this happening. As you will note, provision is made for assessment by engineer estimate. Such assessments are not required to pay the initial $25 membership fee. Annual dues are set [illegible] as you will note, the dues for annual members are only one [illegible] publications of the Association which they are not specifically obliged to publish or balanced by services to them by their consultant regarding.

It is necessary that Jones-Manville Corporation [illegible] for asbestos industry will be liable [illegible] proportion of the asbestos industry will be ambitious in scope and [illegible] The plans of the Foundation for [illegible] will necessarily call for the expenditure of relatively large sums of money. It is foreseen to [illegible] of the Nelson Institute, which is providing certain members of its facilities together with the services of certain members of its personnel without expense to the Foundation.

You will also find enclosed herewith, for your [illegible] and general information, three (3) copies of a list [illegible] the names of the officers, trustees and various committees.

If you require any further information, please [illegible] not hesitate to call upon me.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Vandiver Brown
General Attorney

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