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Industrial Relations Dept.

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United States Rubber Company

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New York, N. Y.

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With reference to your letter of April 20 regarding the findings in our recent X-ray survey of our Asbeston employees.

The State Department of Health as well as Dr. Rutland, Troup County Health Officer, have been very cooperative and very close study of each employee has been made.

For your information, I am listing below the history of the 5 employees on which additional studies are being made.

Name and Address	Tuberculosis Classification	X-ray Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations
1. Searcy Vocal Employed 7/31/42	9	There is thickened pleura in the left base. There is scattered fibrosis and tubercles in both lungs. There is increased density, not definitely made out as pathology, in the right apex. Clinical and sputum studies, with re-check by x-ray in three months, are advised. (Another picture was made and Dr. Rutland advises it was neg. a/o 5/2/45.)
2. Ralph Hornsby-m-w-26 Employed 5/9/44	9	There is exaggeration of bronchial shadows throughout. There are scattered areas of increased density suggestive of mottling, most marked in the bases. This is not a characteristic picture of tuberculosis. Careful clinical and sputum studies with re-check by x-ray in about three months are advised, (checking).
3. Little Drake-f-w-31 Employed 3/30/44	0	There is exaggeration of the bronchial shadows and scattered fibrosis in both lungs with increased density along the descending bronchi on the right. Not believed to have active pulmonary tuberculosis. Check-up in three to six months. (Another picture made and Dr. Rutland advises it was neg. a/o 5/2/45.)
4. Jewell Morgan-f-w-22 Employed 9/5/44	9	There is increased density, not definitely made out as pathology, along the descending bronchi on the left. Bronchiectasis which may or may not be of tuberculous origin is suspected. Careful clinical and sputum studies are advised. (Not at work at present - checks will be made when she returns.)

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Name and Address	Tuberculosis Classification	X-ray Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations
5. George B. Hale-c-w-35 Employed 10/9/44	9	There is a marked exaggeration of the bronchial shadows in both lungs with hazy areas of increased density, not definitely made out as pathology, along the ascending bronchi, especially on the right. Careful clinical, and if there is any expectoration, sputum studies are advised. (Studies are being made.)

We will keep you advised on any future developments.

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May 10, 1945

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Thanks for your letter of May 5th giving me a report on five employees on which special studies are being made. We are of the opinion if you have any employees with poor lung conditions, that they be taken out of the Asbeston Department or any operation where they are exposed to asbestos dust.

We note the last four cases mentioned were all employed in 1944, but I would like to know where Searcy Veal is employed and where he has been employed since July 31, 1942.

You no doubt are getting a very complete history on pre-employment on all people hired, especially those entering the Asbeston operations. We must think ahead a few years, knowing that compensation laws in the future are going to be more liberal and the courts will continue to be more partial to the wage worker.

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