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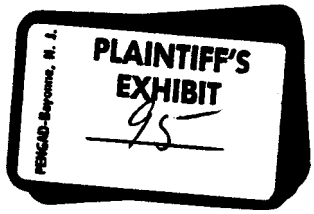
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Yours very truly,
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March 12, 1997

Barry Castleman, Ph.D.
2412 Pickwick Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21207

Re: BHC Consolidated Group 115 v. Asbestos Corporation Limited
San Francisco Superior Court
Re: Asbestos Corporation Limited/Knowledge

Dear Dr. Castleman:

Thanks for your kind and timely response to our panicked request for ACL information.

For your edification, enclosed please find copies of an interesting 1938 exchange between A.L. Penhale of Asbestos Corporation Limited and Raymark. I ran into these while perusing the Sumner Simpson papers, so presume they are authentic, at least as concerns RM. William Callan, testifying in 1995, believed that Mr. Penhale was alive and living somewhere in Quebec. I have not yet had an opportunity to pursue the Knox report but will forward a copy when we obtain it.

Many thanks again for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

Andrew Miner
Law Clerk

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May 2, 1938

A. L. Penhale, Esq.,
Sales Manager,
Asbestos Corporation Ltd.,
Thetford Mines, Que.,
Canada

Dear Mr. Penhale:-

I have for acknowledgement yours of April 30th along with which you forwarded me an extract from the South African Mining and Engining Journal issue of January 15, 1938. You will please accept my thanks for having sent me this paper and also express my appreciation of the courtesy extended by Capt. Ross in having requested you to send me this article. The information as given in said article is very interesting and I will be very much interested in discussing same with one of our local doctors who has been very helpful to us in handling this question of so-called "Asbestosis" at this plant.

Yours very truly,

GENERAL ASBESTOS & RUBBER DIVISION
of Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.
By:

E. H. Jefferis
GENERAL MANAGER

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May 2, 1938

Mr. S. Simpson, President
Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.,
Bridgeport, Conn.

Dear Mr. Simpson:-

I wish to acknowledge receipt of yours of April 27th enclosing report from Dr. Gardner of Saranac Laboratory. I had not acknowledged receipt of this report previously but I did, when in conversation with you over long distance on Friday, April 29th, mention to you that same had been received and advised that I would like to make copies of said report, turning one copy over to Mr. Julian Mitchell so that we could discuss same with our medical adviser, Dr. Lynch. I have also received yours of April 29th in which you make further reference to this report which was submitted by Dr. Gardner and along with which you forwarded me a copy of a letter which had been addressed to yourself, under date of April 28th, by Mr. Vandiver Brown. I had already, as mentioned above, had copies made of the report and had turned same over to Mr. Mitchell last Friday afternoon and he is arranging to have a conference of himself, Dr. Lynch and myself, at which time we can discuss this report.

In regard to the last paragraph of yours of April 29th, of course I understand that these reports of Dr. Gardner's are not to be regarded as absolutely conclusive. However, I do agree with your statements that the information given in the reports to date are very surprising, in that, it is claimed that the fine dust has not caused any serious damage or inconvenience to the animals who are subjected to same.

As requested in the second paragraph of yours of April 27th, I will return these reports to you within the next few days, but my reason for holding same up is that I am endeavoring to have copies made of the comparative photographs which accompanied Dr. Gardner's report, and as soon as these are completed I will then return to you all of the papers which you enclosed along with yours of April 27th.

You may recollect that when in conversation with you on April 29th, I mentioned that Captain Ross, of the Asbestos Corporation had spoken to me when he was recently here, in regard to an article which had appeared in an issue of the South African Mining Journal along about the early part of the present year and that he had promised to send me a copy of said article. As this letter, enclosing the paper as mentioned above, was received this morning, I am enclosing

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JOHNS-MANVILLE CORPORATION

Twenty-two East Fortieth Street

New York, N. Y.

May 5, 1938

Mr. Sumner Simpson
President
Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.
Bridgeport, Conn.

Dear Mr. Simpson:

I have received your two letters of May 4th and wish to thank you for the copy of the Extract from The South African Mining & Engineering Journal of January 15, 1938.

Dr. Ireland's experience at the Shabani asbestos mills is similar to our own experience at our Asbestos, Quebec, mill and mines.

I predict - and certainly hope - that medical and scientific literature of the future will contain many reports of similar encouraging character.

Very truly yours,

Vandiver Brown
General Attorney

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