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IHF and its publications are described in my book (See Index). The various annual Proceedings, Transactions Bulletins, Legal Section, Medical and Engineering Section annual publications, Annual Meeting Conferences, etc. are (I believe) available at the National Library of Medicine, Bethesda, MD outside of D.C. This library should also have complete collection of the abstracts volumes published by IHF, called "Industrial Hygiene Digest" often starting with news & commentary called "Foundation Facts." The IH Digest was issued monthly and contained numerous abstracts on asbestos disease, from its start in 1937 (before 1941 the outfit was Air Hygiene Foundation, and the Digest may have been called Air Hygiene Digest, I don't know). In any event, all this material should be available for review at the Nat. Lib. Med. using card catalog listings of the names of the organization to locate the annuals; and using the periodicals print-out to find the Digest.

The objective is to xerox all above documents that identify members en masse of IHF (usually listed either as a complete list at the end of transactions volumes and/or a listing of new members only at the early part of such volumes); and to xerox all abstracts of articles on asbestos disease, volume index pages listing such entries, and of course identifying cover pages from each volume copied so that it is clear where the material was printed and when.

Documentation should be amassed separately for each volume from which material is reproduced. If possible, a paralegal familiar with a wide range of defendants in asbestos litigation and who also knows the names of many early predecessor firms should then review the material and make notes. These materials should then be copied and all sent on to BC for further review and analysis. Paralegal notes should, ideally, list every firm that ever joined IHF along with the year(s) in which membership was noted and with a reference for each such notation. In other words, the paralegal should make notes for each volume from which material was drawn regarding company membership; and then make later notes on membership over time by company. Another list should be made of the abstracts, listing the full original citation of each one on asbestos (au., title, journal, volume, pp., yr) and the citation of the abstract in the Digest (this to be done chronologically by volume of the Digest, through at least 1965 but not past 1970).

I do not know if the Industrial Health Foundation in Pittsburgh has any listing of its historic memberships, but this should be looked into.



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The enclosed draft of a U. S. Public Health Service document is supplied in confidence to give you advanced notification. An Ad Hoc Review Committee will meet next Tuesday, September 16, in Cincinnati to discuss and coordinate this draft.

If after careful screening you detect major errors of commission or omission, please call on Monday and we will attempt to see that needed corrections are introduced by Dr. Paul Gross, a member of the Committee, prior to its finalization. It becomes more difficult to make changes later on, of course, so we thought you should see this now.

Please consider the draft confidential, however; we have been asked not to allow further reproduction or distribution and know we may count on your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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