

1 for his work on asbestos, but also noteworthy for his
2 studies of the relationship between cigarette smoking
3 and lung cancer.

4 He was the first really to make that
5 association in human beings by epidemiologic studies.

6 Q Now, based upon that information and based
7 upon all of the prior information and your continuing
8 review of the medical and scientific literature, do
9 you have an opinion to a reasonable degree of
10 scientific certainty as to when it was established in
11 the medical and scientific community that there was an
12 association between asbestos exposure and lung cancer
13 in human beings?

14 A Well, in my opinion, the material
15 accumulated to a high point that the causal
16 relationship could be established by 1949 when Dr.
17 Merewether made his presentations of cases related to
18 asbestosis.

19 But minimally by 1955 when Dr. Doll did his
20 epidemiologic study and found a large increase of lung
21 cancer among asbestos-exposed population.