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RE: EXPOSURE TO ASBESTOS DUST

Attached is a copy of correspondence received by Mr. Jack Clark from The Mount Sinai Hospital and Dr. Maxwell Borow.

Mr. Clark is the brickmason referred to in our correspondence of January, captioned "Potroom Crucible Repairs". Dr. Richards discussed with Mr. Clark the problems of working with asbestos and the protective measures to be taken but, apparently, he wanted outside advice.

All members of the brickmason crew working with asbestos have been told that dust-type respirators are available to them and are advised to use them. Mr. Clark uses his respirator at all times when there is an exposure to asbestos, but the others generally do not. This disturbs Mr. Clark, and he thinks that an exhaust system should be installed to ventilate the building and that some of the work should be done outdoors. We feel that these ideas are not impractical and our engineering group will study the best way of doing it.

We would like to have your comments, particularly with regard to the possibility that some of the employees could request periodic examinations, possibly by outside specialists.

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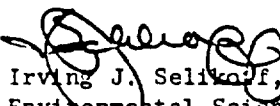
Mr. Jack W. Clark
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Dear Mr. Clark:

Present information would suggest that many of the varieties of asbestos may be associated with the occurrence of cancer in humans. There is insufficient information concerning whether one type would be more dangerous than another. It should be recognized, however, that many men who work with asbestos do not seem to be seriously affected in an adverse fashion, and do not develop any type of cancer.

Nevertheless, since you do work regularly with asbestos, it would probably be advantageous to have your physician examine you from time to time, simply to keep an eye on things.

Sincerely yours,


Irving J. Selikoff, M.D., Director
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