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Mr. William L. Baillie
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Re: Zonolite Company
William E. Airth

Dear Bill:

In reply to your letter of June 21 concerning the above-named, I think that you are correct in your assumption that no claim has actually been filed with the Industrial Accident Board. None has been filed with us.

This man's attorney came to the office and talked with me after our last phone discussion on the case. I think it was obvious that he knew that he did not have any grounds for a claim because he kept asking me whether our company would make any sort of a settlement. I told him that we pay insurance premiums so that our insurance company will accept the responsibility of handling any claims of this nature. There was no point in our discussing any sort of a settlement, that his only recourse would be to file a claim with you.

I gave him your address and told him that it would be necessary for him to contact you as you are the adjuster for our insurance company in Montana.

He took your address and I was of the opinion that he would have contacted you before this because it was some time ago that we had our conversation. Again, I feel that he knows that they have no claim against us, but he was just feeling us out to see whether any settlement of any sort could be made. For reasons obvious to you, I am sure we realize that we cannot make any settlement and certainly would never agree to make one ona voluntary basis. Copies of the letter were given to me from this man's doctor, the first one dates May 11, 1960 and the latest March 30, 1961. From these it would appear that he is not pushing us very hard.

Sincerely yours

ZONOLITE COMPANY