

1 So they had to separate the dust measurements into
2 total dust and asbestos dust.

3 When they did that, they found that most of
4 the time the asbestos dust levels were less than five
5 million particles per cubic foot. But in a few
6 instances, things like band sawing, tearing out old
7 insulation in enclosed ship compartments exceeded five
8 million particles.

9 When they examined the workers, somewhat
10 over 1,000, they found three cases of asbestosis, all
11 in people who have been employed greater than 20 years
12 in the trade.

13 They concluded on the basis of this that it
14 appeared that asbestos insulation, or the putting on
15 of insulation in ship construction, was not
16 particularly hazardous, but they did recommend that
17 the dust levels, where they were high, be controlled
18 and if necessary, the respirators be used particularly
19 in enclosed ship compartment.

20 Q This conclusion that working with asbestos
21 pipecovering was a safe occupation, that was published