

1 Q Would you tell the jury, please, what your opinion
2 is?

3 A Well, I will skip the ancient world, because it was
4 noticed in fact in ancient times that slaves who
5 worked with asbestos died from it. But in the modern
6 literature, the literature really starts around the
7 year 1900, which is very shortly after the beginning
8 of the modern asbestos industry in this western
9 industrial society. And at that very first
10 publication, which is the inspector of factory
11 reports for the year 1898, published in the year
12 1900, it was noticed that breathing asbestos dust was
13 a harmful and dangerous kind of workplace. So I
14 would have to say, in answer to your question, that
15 from the very first notice of it it was understood
16 that breathing asbestos dust would cause harm to
17 people.

18 Q That first article, was that the first article, the
19 1900 article, that you made reference to in your
20 bibliography?

21 A Yes, that's the very first entry.

22 Q What kind of people are harmed by asbestos as
23 reflected in the medical articles?

24 A Well, any human being that breathes asbestos fiber.
25 Asbestos disease is a disease of asbestos breathers.