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FROM	TO
Mr. J.A.E. Clogg	Mr. G. S. Sutcliffe

COPY TO

12th February, 1965.

I attach press cutting of an article in the B.M.J. on "Diffuse Mesothelioma of the Pleura and Asbestos" and I have marked on it items of significance as they appear, of course, to a layman.

What could be a significant development are the references to contraction of the disease by workers in other trades in shipyards, and also to the "cutting and handling" of asbestos-cement roofing materials.

This article is bound to be known to Dr. Knox and ipso facto to the Asbestosis Research Council and probably to its Insulation Sub-Committee, but I have, under present circumstances, no means, of course, of knowing whether this kind of thing would be intimated at some appropriate stage to Head Office here. I have therefore only been able to draw your attention to this by the rather fortuitous means of a press cutting.

Perhaps you may wish to show this to Mr. Bateman as he will, doubtless, be interested, and I also suggest that it eventually be shown to Mr. A.D.N. Jones, who, in turn, may wish to draw it to the attention of Mr. McKenna. Apart from the practical aspects in the Unit Companies of this kind of development, it is, I submit, advisable that our legal people involved in Asbestosis matters be made aware of the general considerations, coupled with advice from Dr. Knox and the deliberations of the Asbestosis Research Council, without, of course, their going into the minutiae of the medical factors which, in any event, they would not, naturally, be competent to appreciate.

As mentioned in the course of our discussion yesterday, the centralised consideration of Asbestosis matters from the point of view of the T.& N. Group as a whole is not particularly satisfactory.

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