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March 29th, 1982

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RE:

v-
Sherwin Williams Co.
I.C.# 82 OD 0034
Our File # A-0422
Date of Exposure: 1-30-81

Dear Steve:

I acknowledge receipt of the article by Ronald Motley and Richard Middleton and I note the most pertinent paragraph is as follows:

"While defendants and clinicians will raise causation objections in a lung cancer case, few credible doctors will dispute the causative role of asbestos in cases of mesothelioma. Indeed Dr. Irving J. Selikoff has characterized mesothelioma as a "signal tumor", that is, a tumor, the existence of which almost invariably points to a prior asbestos exposure."

It also appears from the other documents you sent that many of the piping coverings contained asbestos under the name unibestos.

Please be advised of further developments on this case. On Thursday, March 25, 1982, I issued a 10 Day Subpoena for pathology slides from Little Company of Mary Hospital. Once I receive them, I will forward them directly to Dr. VanOstrand in Cleveland for his interpretation to confirm the diagnosis of mesothelioma.

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On March 26th, 1982 I had a brief conference with Attorney Frank Wiedner at the Illinois Industrial Commission and advised him that I felt we would not have an answer for him on settlement within two (2) weeks because our insured wanted to verify the diagnosis.

He said he understood and agreed and agreed that it was a good idea for us to be certain of the exact disease.

He further indicated to me that he didn't know if we could ever put together a settlement because of the medical problem at which time I advised him that there may be a possibility of keeping medical open for two - three years and that that decision was still in the process of discussion on our side.

He indicated that if we could do that then the settlement would be much more certain.

He also indicated to me that he was sending a list of medical bills and when I returned to the office that day I received the list, a copy of which I enclose along with his cover letter.

Rather than the \$6,000.00 some odd dollars, he indicated that his client's have paid and I total their payments as \$2386.00 to date.

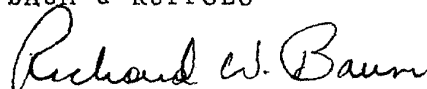
I will be advising him that we would like copies of paid receipts or checks to verify the amount paid by his client.

He also advised me that he had now learned the cost of chemotherapy to be \$357.00 per treatment at Little Company of Mary Hospital.

I will keep you advised of further developemnts on this case as they occur.

Very truly yours,

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Richard W. Baum

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