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EXHIBIT
BRK-165

December 5, 1958

Re: O. D. 6782-22
Joe S. Belcher, Deceased

Medical Department,
Industrial Commission of Ohio,
Columbus, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

On December 4, 1958, Mr. E. V. Colish, Supervisor of Safety of the Cleveland Chevrolet Division, at Stumpf and Brookpark Roads, Cleveland, was interviewed regarding the above claimant.

Mr. Colish stated that there was a thorough investigation made of the department where Mr. Belcher worked by Mr. DeWitt Huffman of the Industrial Commission. He further stated that there was no exposure to free silica in the department.

The report by Mr. Huffman was dated January 24, 1958, and a copy is available in the files.

Yours very truly,

William L. Wilson

William L. Wilson, Ind. Hyg. Consultant
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January 21, 1958

Mr. E. V. Colish,
Supervisor of Safety,
Cleveland Chevrolet Division,
General Motors Corporation,
Stumpf & Breckpark Roads,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Colish:

A copy of a letter to the Medical Department, written by
Dewitt Huffman, Industrial Hygiene Engineer, is enclosed
for your information.

Please let us know if this Division may be of service to
you at any time.

Very truly yours,

James H. Flinker
Superintendent

JHF:ee

Enc.

January 24, 1958

Medical Department
Industrial Commission of Ohio
Columbus 15, Ohio

RE: O. D. 6782-22
Joe J. Belcher, Dec'd.

Gentlemen:

On January 16, 1958, a visit was made to the Chevrolet plant of the General Motors, Stumpf and Brookpark Roads, Cleveland, Ohio, to check conditions under which the above named decedent had worked.

The company manufactures automatic transmissions for chevrolats.

The decedent's employment experience is as follows:

October 11, 1951 to September 29, 1952 - sweeper
September 29, 1952 to June 29, 1953 - chip handler
June 29, 1953 to November 16, 1953 - Machine Operator Department #41
November 16, 1953 to December 1957 - machine operator Department #47
December 16, 1957 to January 2, 1958 - Machine Operator, Department #61

The company is located in a large modern factory building with oiled wood blocks for flooring. A sweeper would have very little, if any, exposure to dust while sweeping these floors. Soluble oil and coolant from machines would keep the floor oiled.

As a chip handler, the decedent handled chips and turnings from the various machines which would be oil soaked. There would be very little, if any, exposure to dust.

In Department #41, 36 persons are employed and operate broach machines, roller machines, thread cutters, multi-presses, hobbing machines and various types of grinders. There are a total of twelve grinding operations in this Department but all grinding is done under a coolant, so little or no dust is created. All grinding wheel numbers were studied and it was found that they all contained the letter A, indicating they were made from aluminum oxide and would contain no free silica, or only a negligible amount of the same.

In Department #47, the decedent operated a cross taper, turning holes in transmission parts. There would be little or no dust from this operation.

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There was also little or no exposure in Department #61 where the decedent worked a very short time.

There is no apparent source of dust containing free silica in this plant. Several flat surfaces were examined by running a finger over them and there was no accumulation of airborne dust in this plant.

Very truly yours,

DeWitt Huffman
Industrial Hygiene Engineer

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