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Mr. Manfred Bowditch, Director
Division of Occupational Hygiene
Department of Labor and Industries
23 Joy Street
Boston, Mass

Dear Manfred:

Tony sent me a copy of a letter which he received from you on the subject of asbestosis. I replied and am enclosing a copy of that portion of my letter for your reference. I do not think the subject is closed but I would be surprised if we found evidence of a difference in the irritating properties of the various kinds of asbestos. As to progression of the disease, I am inclined to believe that the factor of infection is the one largely responsible for the cases that appear to have progressed.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Roy

Leroy U. Gardner, M.D.
Director

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Dr. Anthony J. Lanza
Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.
New York City

I was interested in the enclosure from Manfred Bowditch. I wish I knew where Mr. Bradley Dewey got his information about the biologic reaction to different types of asbestos. Our own experiments with these substances would indicate that by injection, at least, they are all equally inert. Cases of human asbestosis produced by these different substances have been reported in the literature and it was my feeling that most people were convinced that there was little difference in their capacity to produce pulmonary reaction. We are now experimenting with five different types of asbestos. The work at present involves only injection. We have not been able to undertake inhalation with any but Canadian crysotile. We hope to do so sooner or later. I am sending Manfred a copy of this portion of the letter.

Sincerely yours,

Leroy U. Gardner, M.D.