

FOREWORD

The success of a study of the type herein reported depends very greatly upon the availability of data from many sources, and the assistance and cooperation of those in possession of these data. Industrial Hygiene Foundation was fortunate in having the wholehearted cooperation of the asbestos-producing companies, and particularly of their medical and nursing personnel who have the responsibility for maintaining the medical records of the workers. In this connection, we are especially indebted to Dr. Paul Cartier and his staff at the Thetford Industrial Clinic, and to Dr. T. R. Grainger and the nurses at Asbestos. All records in these two medical centers were put completely at our disposal, and the care and completeness with which they are maintained assisted considerably in the preparation of the material relative to the worker population.

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