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UNDER SECRETARY FOR MINES:

This report comes as something of a shock. We have known that conditions in the mill were very dusty.

No cases of asbestosis had been reported until recently and quite a few men had served considerable terms without apparent effect.

I had formed the opinion that the risk was not particularly serious and I think that this opinion was shared by the management.

The mill has been very much improved and we are now paying attention to the underground conditions. Several visits have been made by our ventilation men.

Dr. McNulty has been in direct touch with the management and they have advised me that they will co-operate to reduce the dust.

The value of special detailed study of the results of the medical examinations is evident.

We will press for the further improvement of conditions both in the mine and the mill.

I think we should also make a careful study of the industrial history of all employees at the next medical examination.

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