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With reference to the health authorities, the Thetford group are planning to present the Allaire Case, which involved an employee from the Thetford area in connection with an asbestosis claim. The hearing in connection with this case was held in Quebec City, and expert testimony was presented by Dr. Verwald of The Trudeau Foundation at Saranac, Dr. Tony Lanza and Dr. Vidal, as well as Dr. Cartier of Thetford. This case was favorable to the Company, and it was our feeling it would be helpful in connection with the dust part of the arbitration. It is possible that these doctors may be called upon as witnesses at the arbitration hearing for the Thetford group, and I believe, if necessary, we could also use them in our arbitration case.

It is our plan to have our arbitration case held in Montreal, and the hearings should be in English.

We discussed with Mr. Vandiver Brown yesterday the point Mr. L. H. Brown raised in connection with having a capable lawyer present our case, and I understand Mr. Vandiver Brown plans to discuss this with Mr. Belcourin and with the old firm of Gordon MacDougall's (now Scott, Hugessen, Macklaier, Chisholm & Hyde), and then recommend a lawyer who should be used.

It is important, as Mr. L. H. Brown has brought out, that if we do go to arbitration, we not only be well prepared, but present the very best side of our story that can be done.

A. R. FISHER

cc V. Brown
C.V.Hite

May 24, 1946

Wm. B. Cooper, Esq.,
Cooper, Alvord & Cooper,
[illegible]
[illegible] New Jersey

Re: Benjamin Szymanski

Enclosed you will find copy of further indictment for [illegible] of the above named [illegible] and also copy of a [illegible] from Dr. Lanza to Dr. [illegible] which explains.

Through Dr. Lanza of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company I have been inquiring concerning a doctor that could give us [illegible] both for a pre-trial examination and as a witness at the trial. Unless the matter [illegible] him until as soon as I hear from him I will let you know.

Sincerely,

Vandiver Brown,
General Attorney.

VBsy

Encl.

May 27, 1946

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[redacted]

[redacted]

Re: [redacted]

NOTED V.B.

Dear Mr. [redacted]:

We have been advised by Dr. Lanza of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company that Dr. [redacted] has been [redacted] and that [redacted] will be [redacted] medical [redacted] in the above [redacted].

We understand that Dr. Appleman has had experience in [redacted] and that he will be able to protect the interests of the Company. Dr. Appleman has not returned from service with the armed forces.

Mr. Brown has asked me to advise you of Dr. Lanza's recommendation in his absence.

Very truly yours,

Arthur H. Bunker

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Minutes of Meeting Held in J. F. Menard's Office on Wednesday Afternoon, August 6, 1947

Present at the meeting were:

Dr. A. J. Lanza
C. W. Mike
H. H. Jackson
J. R. Mardilovich

NOTED V.B.

Dr. Lanza first reported on the case of Bishop McMillan, an employee at our Kingsport factory. He returned the file which had been sent to him on this case and pointed out, first, that he had noted that from September, 1944, until December, 1946, this individual had been a rubber mill operator, and that subsequent to December, 1946, he had been incapacitated for work.

Mr. Jackson confirmed the fact that the employee had been incapacitated ever since January 1, 1947.

Dr. Lanza commented that there was a considerable period in which the employee could not have been exposed to silica dust, and therefore he was a little surprised that he should leave the rubber mill, incapacitated. The history of the case showed that prior to starting work in the rubber mill in September, 1944, he had worked for the Company for a period of eight years from 1936.

Viewing one of the films, Dr. Lanza remarked that he couldn't understand what had got into this man's lungs, but the even distribution through both lungs fields looked like an occupational case; yet, on the other hand, it didn't look to him like a typical silicotic film, unless it was one of the "queer cases" of which there have been quite a few lately.

Dr. Lanza said he will be interested in what Doctor has to report after examining the films but he added, "I would be inclined to exhaust the possibilities of silicosis in this case."

Looking at the films again, Dr. Lanza pointed out that in 1944 they showed nothing wrong, the individual having an average normal chest. This was at the time he left the Cement Department and went to work in the Rubber Mills. The film showed that he had a little more fibrosis than normally but this is a condition to be found in a great many "normal" people.

Looking at another film, Dr. Lanza said he was unable to understand how the man would get what such silicosis in three years. (May, 1947). He added that this film showed that the man then got a chest full of something if it is silicosis, is developed in awfully short. He remarked that his own experience had been that people of this race didn't do too well on silica dust.

Dr. Lanza recommended we give the films to Dr. Torrald, as Surgeon, for his examination and report.

He also suggested writing to Dr. Torrald certain data from the file in question [illegible] from Hankey of August 1,

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Dr. Arthur J. Vorwald
Director - Tradoom Foundation
Sarenac Lake, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Vorwald:

We had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Lanza today at his office, and discussed among other things, the Dobbelaere case. Dr. Lanza is aware that you have Dobbelaere's x-rays and would appreciate very much if you would forward them to him at the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, since he has become interested in many of our problems. I am sending Dr. Lanza a copy of this correspondence and would appreciate a note from you indicating when you will forward the x-rays to Dr. Lanza.

I might mention that Mr. Theodore G. Waters was present, as a matter of fact, he arranged the conference with Dr. Lanza, and he too is very much interested in the problems now confronting the asbestos industry and ourselves.

We, of course, are looking forward to your analysis of Dobbelaere's x-rays.

Very truly yours,

Union Asbestos & Rubber Co.

E. S. Shannon
Manager-Paterson Plant

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Minutes of Meeting with Dr. F. G. Pratt, Baycrest
at CRL, Wednesday, September 15

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Present: F. G. Pratt, MD
A. J. Lomas, MD
R. M. Jackson, Safety Engineer

Before getting underway on the experiments proposed as result of the meeting reported on J. F. Woodard's minutes of September 10, Dr. Pratt was desirous having certain aspects given further consideration.

He reported that in the opinion of the laboratory there had been [illegible] sient animals who have been subjected to the first obtained materials yield sufficient data for valid conclusion and that further work would be merely a repetition of what had been done. Although there Dr. Lomas stated in the previous meeting a number of animals that died related infection, there were also 3% infection from animals who died the reaction to the dust or were sacrificed for sampling. At present 23 animals with exposures up to two years available for of these animals subjected to tubercular infection, 20 of the 23 the R1 simultaneously were examined and 16 of the 23 who received dust exposure were examined. Upon examination of these figures, in agreement that sufficient data had been developed in regard to the first obtained materials.

Dr. Pratt further recommended that the experiment with the [illegible] material be enlarged. Since in the thinking of most, the [illegible] is significant, it was recommended that this experiment be run in a [illegible] (as against the dust chambers in which the others would be run) and be [illegible] includes not only guinea pigs but rabbits, dogs and possibly goats.

It was agreed that the revision of the content of the proposed experiments would be discussed with the other interested parties at CRL the latter part of [illegible] week and the decision on the use of the dust room by the dust chamber [illegible] await Dr. Vorwald's return and opinion.

R. M. Jackson

cc: A. J. Lomas, MD
F. G. Pratt, MD, Saranac
A. S. Lambeart
J. [illegible] Leonard
[illegible] B. Cummins, Somerville