



April 9, 1964

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Dear Cap:

I have a copy of your letter of April 2 written to J. A. Kelley, together with copy of letter to you from Dr. W. E. Park. Following are answers to the questions asked by Dr. Park.

1. The percentage of tremolite in the ore (concentrate) varies depending on the feed to the mill at the time it is produced. With the circuit we now have in our mill, it would be practically nil on our #3 and #4 sizes. On the #2 size there would be somewhat more but the percentage would still be extremely low. The greatest quantity of asbestos would ordinarily be found in the #1 size, and it is our opinion that this would average less than 1%. It is true that on occasion, however, it might be slightly higher than this.
2. The follow-up survey on the blanket X-Ray conducted in 1959 has not been done. It is possible that this will be done this summer.
3. The employee mentioned died in February 1960. We have no more information on this man which would be of interest or value. No autopsy was conducted.

Dr. J. M. Cairns, Libby, Montana, was his local doctor. He was in the Montana State Hospital, Galen, Montana, from February 11 to March 20, 1959. Perhaps some further information would be available from these sources.

This is all of the available information on these questions.

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We feel we have made progress on the dust problem locally, both in our milling operation which affects our people, and in the concentrates which are shipped out. We have a dedusting unit at our loading station which operates when our material is being loaded. A combination of there being fewer fines in our concentrates because of milling changes and removal of dust when the product is shipped, which formerly went into the car, should result in a cleaner product to our customers.

Very truly yours

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