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Dr. A. King,
Tuberculosis Control Branch,
17 Murray Street,
PERTH. W. A.

Dear Dr. King,

Your Reference PHD. 618/48.
Australian Blue Asbestos Mine.

No miner was diagnosed as silicotic following
the visit of the Mobile Laboratory in July, 1951.

There were nine cases diagnosed as F plus -
All these had been so diagnosed before commencing work at Wit-
tenoom - they had all been some time in the industry in other
localities, except an engineer.

This man, who had been longest on the mine -
had been some five years acting as engineer and supervisor.
The increased marking in this case may well have a cardiac
basis.

The next longest period was another engineer,
who had been some two years - three had been only twelve months
and two others about twenty months. It does not appear that
any of these men show increased markings as a result of asbestos.

Yours faithfully,

J. P. Tighe
(T.P. Tighe).
MEDICAL OFFICER.

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Through

(S.S. Alexander).
MEDICAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE.

Dr King, Please see p 4 & discuss with me.