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Dear John Myers:

You have asked me to review the results of the medical surveillance program of Union Carbide's Calidria asbestos mine and mill workers, conducted by the Southern Monterey County Medical Group under my supervision. I have examined the records and my conclusions are discussed below.

The program has been in existence since 1963, when the King City asbestos operations first started. About 450 workers have been included in the program overall, with about 20 workers having been employed at least 15 years during the period since 1963.

Throughout this 21 year period, the program has consisted of the following elements:

Initial examinations including: medical history, physical examination, audiogram, chest x-ray, PA and lateral, routine count, and urine.

Annual examinations including: all of the above, plus an electrocardiogram of those over 40 years of age.

Termination examinations including: all procedures that are listed in the above initial exam.

In addition, the program has included annual pulmonary function tests, including vital capacity and FEV 1 since 1972, and annual sputum cytology since 1980.

Because the program has been in existence for only 21 years, and because of its limited size, it is too soon to determine definitely whether asbestos-related disease may occur in this population. Nevertheless, since the program began, we have identified no case of asbestos-related disease; nor have we detected any early clinical symptoms such as radiological changes, shortness of breath, or rales. One exception was a worker, a smoker, who had some shortness of breath and decreased pulmonary functions. That worker's x-rays were subsequently referred for special examination by Mount Sinai, and Dr. Irving Selikoff concluded that his condition was not related to asbestos. Subsequent examinations of this worker have shown no progressive deterioration.

I hope this letter serves your needs. If you have any specific questions, I would be most happy to

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try to answer them.

Sincerely,

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