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Dr. Kenneth W. Smith  
Canadian Johns-Manville Co. Limited  
Asbestos, Quebec  
Canada

Dear Ken:

With further reference to our recent discussion,  
I would like to inquire regarding the feasibility of  
reviewing the X-ray data of the men employed at Asbestos  
during the past number of years.

The purpose of this review is to correlate the  
evidence of primary pulmonary malignancy to historical records  
geographically and to correlate the findings with our  
autopsy statistics. As you know, this problem is of great  
concern to us and I feel we should begin as quickly as  
possible to collate our evidence so that we might formulate  
an opinion on factual evidence concerning the relationship  
of the inhalation of dust to such malignancy.

I would appreciate hearing from you in this regard.  
With every good wish,

Sincerely yours,

Arthur J. Forwald, M.D.  
Director

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