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JOHNS-MANVILLE CORPORATION
MARIETTA, MISSISSIPPI

February 12, 1932.

Dr. F. V. Merivether,
U.S. Bureau of Mines Clinic,
Picher, Okla.

Dear Dr. Merivether:

The Johns-Manville Corporation have a plant at Marietta, E. J. which employs about 1200 people. They are going to make a survey of their employees to determine the amount of asbestosis in the plant. To do this they are going to take one-half of their employees and have them fluoroscoped. They will then be examined and x-rayed. The physician who does the fluoroscopic work will have no connection with the x-ray work, the idea being to make the diagnosis with the x-ray and then determine to what extent the fluoroscope is correct.

Dr. Fellows is of the opinion that it will probably be difficult, if not impossible, to pick up asbestosis with a fluoroscope, although he thinks there would be no trouble in detecting silicosis by this method.

I have recommended to the Johns-Manville Corporation, as has Dr. Fellows, that they depend upon you for the interpretation of the x-ray films, 600 in number, and they will be glad to pay you a fee of \$200.00 for this work. They feel, as does Dr. Fellows, that they have no more right to ask this service from you without proper recompense than they would any other phase of the study.

If this is agreeable to you, will you please let me know so that I can communicate with Mr. Vandiver Brown, the General Counsel of the Johns-Manville Corporation. I hope that you can do this as this is really a very important experiment on this whole question of physical examination in industry and can have far reaching effects.

I am hoping to visit you with Dr. Savers about March 1st but would like an answer to this letter as soon as possible.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) A. J. Lanza.

P.S.

Dr. Fellows would like to know what type of film would be desired for this work, that is, a fairly brilliant film with a good deal of contrast, or a moderately light film which would show the earlier changes. He believes that a film strictly comparable with that one in the Metropolitan Office would probably be satisfactory.

I would appreciate if on receipt of this you would write directly to Dr. E. E. Fellows, Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., 1 Madison Avenue, New York City, and advise him as to the technique, remembering that these asbestosis cases do not show up as clearly as do the silicosis.

A. J. L.

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February 15, 1932.

Dr. A. J. Lanza,
Room 15-129 General Motors Bldg.,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Dr. Lanza:

In reply to your letter in reference to interpreting X-ray pictures for the Johns-Manville Corporation, of employees working at the Corporation's plant at Manville, E. J.:

As you know, regulations against any of the Public Health men accepting any remuneration for work done without the permission of the Surgeon General exist. I am therefore sending Dr. Sayers a copy of your letter for his action. If it is agreeable with him, I would certainly be glad to receive the \$200.00, as I don't know of anything that would come in much handier at the present moment, as I have spent considerable in hospital expenses. However, if it is not permissible, you may notify the people to send the pictures down and I am sure that it would be agreeable to Dr. Sayers for me to read them without charge. I would certainly be glad to read the pictures for you in any event. I am writing Dr. Fellows as suggested in your letter with reference to the character of films desired.

I have been in the hospital with intestinal influenza (not my diagnosis) for a week or ten days. I am up today, but am leaving for Colorado City this afternoon to have some cardiographs run, as it seems to have affected my heart to some extent. However, the attending physicians tell me it is a temporary affair but I must say that it gives a very disagreeable sensation. I hope to be back on my feet and able to work within a short time.

With best wishes, I am

Yours respectfully,

J. T. Martineau,
Surgeon in Charge.

February 20, 1942, 1942, 1942

The Bureau General,
U. S. Public Health Service,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of a

letter from Mr. A. J. Jones to Mr. J. T. Harrison and Mr.

Harrison's reply.

In Mr. Harrison's reply he states he is sending

a copy of the letter to the other parties. This is referred to

the fact that the letter is accompanied with photograph etc of

the photograph.

Respectfully,

J. T. HARRISON,
Surgeon, U.S.P.H.S.,
Chief Surgeon, U.S.P.H.S. of N.

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