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Dr. Thomas F. Mancuso, 16th January, 1962

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Dear Dr. Mancuso,

Your letters of January the 2nd and of January 8th were together on my desk when I returned from holiday. There was, therefore, no difficulty in interpreting your findings.

I am most grateful for your kindness in letting us know of the work you are doing. We are at present following a similar small series of cases, and comparing them with the findings of men like Dr. Wagner in South Africa. If you have available a section of one of your mesotheliomas, I should be most grateful for the opportunity to see it.

I agree that there is no doubt about the incidence of these peritoneal growths. In my opinion some cases previously diagnosed as cancers of the ovary may fall into this group. We are actively pursuing the search for asbestos fibre within the tumour, and have some hopes of demonstrating it. Its mode of entry into the peritoneum may be debatable. When we consider that much of the fibre which passes the nose and mouth must go through the gut, its entry into the peritoneal cavity is not difficult to postulate.

I do hope you will find time to let me hear more about your work. The information you have already sent is of great value.

Yours sincerely,

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