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Mr. Manfred Sowditch
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Dear Mr. Sowditch:

As a member of the group who advanced certain sums of money to The Saranac Laboratory for asbestos dust experiments conducted by Dr. Gardner and which were completed some time ago, we are interested in knowing whether other members of your staff are in a position to assemble the accumulated data and prepare a final report thereon. As you are aware from earlier conversations, the preparation of this report was unavoidably delayed during the war period, although our most recent correspondence indicated that Dr. Gardner believed it would be completed this winter. Several interim reports were prepared by Dr. Gardner and distributed to various members of the underwriting group and under date of February 24, 1943 he submitted an "Outline of Proposed Monograph on Asbestosis" which indicated that his development of his thesis was fairly well matured. These lead us to believe that anyone fairly closely associated with him in the conduct of these experiments or who, being an expert in the field, might review the accumulated data could give the Industry a report that would be valuable.

At your convenience, I would appreciate receiving your comments on the foregoing and I would also like to refer you to my letter of November 20, 1936 to Dr. Gardner and his reply of November 23 which initiated these experiments, with particular reference to the paragraphs which state that the results of these studies are to be the property of the contributors and that manuscripts of any reports thereon are to be submitted for approval before publication. Although you will note from these letters the arrangement originally contemplated three years of experimental work at $5,000 per year, they were actually prolonged for two additional years.

Sincerely yours,

Vandiver Brown
Secretary

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