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June 2, 1939

Mr. Summer Simpson, President
Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.
Bridgeport, Connecticut



Dear Mr. Simpson:-

Early in the spring Messrs. Fehnel and Petrick, of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, completed a survey in the Manheim Plant, which was to indicate improvements, which had been made in dust control and removal.

Mr. Fehnel now advises that two copies of the report were sent to your office May 25th. We would like to make a comparison between this report and the one made about two years ago, consequently it would be appreciated if you would forward one of the copies of the report to Manheim.

Yours very truly,

UNITED STATES ASBESTOS DIVISION
of Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.

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By:
Assistant General Manager

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Bridgeport, Conn.
June 2, 1939

Mr. Geo. R. Weber, Vice President
United States Asbestos Division
Manheim, Pa.

My dear Mr. Weber:

Enclosed is a copy of the report of the recheck survey at the United States Asbestos Division made by Dr. W. J. McConnell, Assistant Medical Director of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.

I have not had a chance to study this in comparison with the old reports, and shall be very glad to have your comments on it as to whether or not there has been an improvement in the various departments.

Very truly yours,

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December 14, 1939.

Dr. W. J. McConnell
Assistant Medical Director
Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Doctor McConnell:

Thank you very much for so promptly sending me the films of Harold Snader. I have reviewed them, and find no evidence of asbestosis. At the request of the Insurance Company, I am sending them on to Dr. Pendergrass so that he too may file an opinion in this case.

Your calling our attention to the films of Dawson Rhodes is very much appreciated. You will doubtless remember that there was a very definite question of chronic constrictive peri-carditis in this man's case, and some of us became very much interested in him. At our insistence he went to see Dr. Claude Beck in Cleveland, taking all of his records with him. After considerable study Dr. Beck wrote me at great length about this very interesting man, and they concluded, especially from their kymographic studies that he did not have chronic adhesive peri-carditis. Mr. Rhodes films inadvertently were placed in our files. We are sending them to you today under separate cover.

You are to be very much congratulated upon the excellent work you have done with the U.S. Asbestos Co. I have seen quite a few of the workmen who tell me that a great deal of money has been spent in keeping down the dust. We have also been privileged to x-ray the chests of the men before they have been employed by the Company. Some of this is the result of the recent Compensation Act in Pennsylvania. This pre-employment study of the chests has been very fruitful, and in the course of years will pay large dividends to the Company, I am sure.

Permit me to again express my appreciation to you for your kind offices, and wish you the Season's Greetings.

Very truly yours

Paul O. Snoke, M. D.

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