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Dear Gordon:

Many thanks for sending me a copy of the Selikoff report of 1973 on the results of the physical examination of the 83 individuals working at the Pacific Asbestos operation.

In my opinion, the results published in the report neither condemn nor clear chrysotile asbestos as a health hazard for the following reasons:

1) Approx. 2/3 of the group were under 45 years of age and this group would be less likely to show significant results of asbestos exposure in comparison to an older age group.

2) The duration of exposure to asbestos was extremely short and hence not very significant. Generally, exposures of much longer duration are required before such a study can be classed as significant.

Any attempt to show that asbestos is not injurious to the health, based on this study, would be thrown out of court.

Kind regards,

Yours very truly,

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