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Miss A. S. Rossiter, Editor
ASBESTOS
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Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Miss Rossiter:

Replying to yours of the 21st, I had not seen the asbestosis article, and thank you for calling it to my attention.

I would also ask whether you sent a copy to Mr. Vandiver Brown, of Johns-Manville. If not, I should like to send him my copy, for, as you know, Mr. Brown and myself are the only ones in contact with the Saranac Laboratory, which is carrying on research work for the textile industry, to ascertain the effects of asbestos dust on the workmen.

The preliminary findings on asbestos dust were so good that we just cannot believe them, and they are being rechecked. Of course, as you know, preliminary reports are not worth very much except as an indication, and we will not have final reports from the Saranac Laboratory for about two years, as we went into a three year investigation. Practically all the manufacturers have joined in defraying the expenses of the investigation.

For your information, I might say the Public Health Service of North Carolina has visited our Charleston plant several times in the study of health hazards in the asbestos textile industry.

I think when we get through with our Saranac investigation, we will show that this paper is considerably distorted, although he does say at last that where the air can be kept down to five million microns, there is no danger, and I can tell you confidentially, but am not willing to make it public, that the air can be kept below five million microns, with proper controls, but I am not willing to start a controversy with my competitors.

Both Manville and ourselves have done wonders in the way of dust control, and so far as I know, are a long, long way ahead of every one else, and when the time is right, and we will get the reports from the Laboratory, we will be willing to turn over to our competitors all the information we have regarding dust control. I have a pretty good idea of the plants that were studied

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for this paper, and as nearly as I can find out, they have no dust control at all that amounts to anything.

With very best wishes to Mr. Stover, I am,

Very truly yours,

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President

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