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Your Letter, February 11th, 1966

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The writer attended the Meeting on Thursday, February 10th, of the Air Hygiene and Manufacturing Committee of the A.T.I., Mr. Walter Atkinson, Chairman. Dr. Cralley, of the U. S. Public Health Service, was present during the afternoon session.

Dr. Cralley reported that there would be no change in his activities in connection with Asbestosis in the U. S. Asbestos Industry. Whether he would or would not, or whether the U. S. Public Health Department would continue their survey, was very much in question and in a confused state until Dr. Cralley clarified it today, during the committee meeting and also later in the Board of Directors' Meeting of the A.T.I. He did not address the General Meeting on Friday, February 11.

The confusion apparently, according to Dr. Cralley, was due to a misunderstanding of the situation. He admitted that perhaps he had added to the confusion. This latter statement, of course, is very confidential and is no doubt true, regardless.

It appears that another department of the government has agreed to give Dr. Selinkoff, originally a New Jersey physician and now connected with a New York area hospital, a grant of something over $100,000 to investigate lung tissue, as I understand it, in connection with his investigation of lung cancer resulting from Asbestosis. The granting of a sum of money to Dr. Selinkoff, who has been a disturbing sore thumb in the investigation of Asbestosis, apparently was the fuse that lighted all the confusion. However, the matter is now viewed with much less emotion and it definitely can be stated that Dr. Cralley will continue his work and outside and entirely unconnected with Dr. Selinkoff's independent research.

It can be stated however, confidentially, that the membership of the A.T.I. were quite disturbed at the confusion involved, which included a request at one time to the A.T.I. to assist in not exactly lobbying, but to present the merits of the U. S. Public Health Service continuing their particular survey. In any event, all is well that ends well, and this appears to be the situation at this time.

W. M. Deckman

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Mr. D. F. Roberts.

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Asbestos Textile Institute

Thank you for your note of 11th February. I shall look forward to hearing further from Mr. Deckman about Dr. Cralley's addresses to the A.T.I. on February 10th and 11th.

John Waddell

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