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Dr. Smythe,
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SYDNEY N.S.W. 2001

Dear Dr. Smythe,

Enclosed are preliminary results concerning the incidence of asbestos caused disease in former Australian Blue Asbestos employees. From the commentary it will be obvious that the results are far from final, and require further investigation. I would therefore be grateful if they were not quoted, but hope that they will be of some use in your present inquiry. I would be happy to provide further detail or explanation if necessary.

I enclose a recent review of asbestos diseases in relation to fibre type which may be of help if your investigators have not yet seen it. You will note that the risk of mesothelioma appears to be much greater with crocidolite than with other types of asbestos.

Yours sincerely,

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