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ASBESTOS-RELATED MEDICAL FINDINGS

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(Note H. G. Smyth-B. W. Karrh 11/26)

The program to evaluate and identify cases of asbestos-related medical findings among Du Pont employees and pensioners is progressing well. Seventy-six Company physicians have attended the asbestos x-ray familiarization courses. With a few exceptions, all the comments we have received from these physicians have been positive.

A significant number of asbestos-related abnormalities are being detected among employees considered to be at greatest risk -- mechanical craftsmen over age 40 with more than 10 years' service. A formal report will not be available until after March 31, 1981, but we still anticipate more than 500 and possibly as many as 1,000 cases of asbestos-related abnormalities for which we will probably be liable.

We are planning another course for plant nurses in making x-rays for February, 1981, and will continue to evaluate the adequacy of x-ray programs during our plant surveys.

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