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Copy for Dr. A. J. Lanza.

February 21, 1938.

Mr. Donald E. Cummings, Ass't Director,
Saranac Laboratory,
Box [illegible],
Saranac Lake, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Cummings:

I have finally got an expression of opinion from the members of our Board of Directors regarding your letter of February 2nd.

While the members of the Board feel that the data contained in your paper could be made use of by unscrupulous persons in a manner most damaging to the industry even though the paper is made unidentifiable as to the location concerned, they do appreciate your point of view and also the significance of your scientific contribution, and they do not wish to be unreasonable or unfair in the matter of publication of the paper.

In line with your suggestion, they feel that no reasonable objection can be offered to the publication of your paper if there is deleted from it all matter which makes its substance identifiable as to the area concerned. The title "Studies on Silicosis Occurring in a Metal Mining District in the United States," is suggested, rather than in a Southwestern Mining Community.

I went through the paper with the idea of making some suggestions on the necessary deletions, but it became apparent that you would need to make so many revisions that I felt you could make them better with a free hand. It will require the deletion of references to Oklahoma, Ottawa County, Joplin, lead and zinc, persons, institutions (including this association and the Silicic) and various other matter. After you have revised the manuscript to should like the opportunity to inspect it briefly to ascertain the desired end has been accomplished, since there might be some doubt on some of the points involved. I assure you that this need not delay it longer than to mail it here and back.

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Donald E. Cummings.

I fully appreciate your position in this whole matter for I am extremely interested in the progress of scientific work. I believe that the publication of the paper in this form will not detract from its fundamental value to those who are really interested in it from a scientific standpoint.

Incidentally, I recently discovered the last copy which you first sent me.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

M. D. Harbaugh

M. D. Harbaugh, Sec'y.

C.S.
Dr. A. J. Lanza
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