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Re:
Film No. 27530
Taken on: 10/4/68

Dear Mr. Tolin:

I am sorry to be late in answering your letter but I have been out of the country and am only now getting around to my correspondence. From the information that you have supplied to me I strongly suspect that has mitral stenosis and this accounts for the abnormal contour of his heart shadow. The fact that his heart shadow was getting larger is difficult to evaluate other than by a direct history and physical and knowledge of his past in greater detail than you can obtain. This, of course, can only be done by his personal Physician or a Consultant chosen by his personal Physician. I suspect that has more of a problem with his heart than he either knows about or is willing to talk about.

In all probability the abnormalities in the basal portions of his lung are related to the heart disease but the possibility that he may have inflammation and changes in the pleura of the lung which might be related to asbestos exposure should be kept in mind. I don't believe that at this point it should be pointed out to him.

It is my impression that you have done as much as management needs to do since you have called to his attention the fact that he has an abnormal film. From my own past experiences I would not advise making a stronger approach to either or his Physician.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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cc: Mr. Frank Zimmerman

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