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Mr. Frank X. Worden
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Dear Frank:

Many thanks for sending me the letter from Gerard Scannell. It will be very helpful to refer to this letter to answer questions concerning asbestos exposure.

I was also interested to notice the last paragraph in which he says that the same approach may not necessarily be followed for other chemicals or physical agents.

Best regards,

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September 1, 1972

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Dear Mr. Meyers:

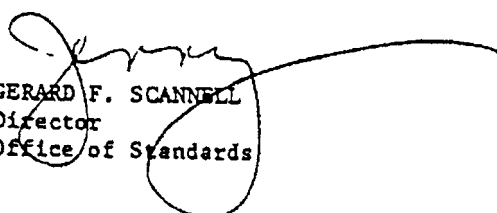
This is in reply to your letter of July 13, 1972 to Mr. Chain Robbins,
Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Medical examinations are required for all employees engaged in
occupations regularly exposed to airborne concentrations of asbestos
dust. This would not apply to employees who are engaged in other
occupations, even though they may occasionally, and momentarily,
enter an area where there are operations involving the use of
asbestos.

We do not at this time know specifically which levels of asbestos
fibers above zero exposure will not produce mesothelioma, lung
cancer and abdominal neoplasms. The medical examinations are
appropriate in order to determine most effectively whether the
health of employees is adversely affected by this exposure.

This approach may not necessarily be followed for other chemicals
or physical agents where dose-response relationships are better defined.
Standards may be established where medical examinations may not be
required below specified exposure levels exceeding zero exposure.

Sincerely,


GERARD F. SCANNELL
Director
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