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The Saranac Laboratory
Saranac Lake, N.Y.

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Mr. Vandiver Brown, Secretary
Johns-Manville Corporation
22 East Fortieth Street,
New York 16, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Brown:

No one feels worse than I over the delay in making a final report on our studies in asbestosis, but I could not foresee a war and what it would do to my staff and the obligations placed upon me.

Mr. Rohrbach's suggestion that I present a brief statement of our conclusions in advance of a completed report is entirely logical, but, obviously, it will be necessary for me to review all of the large amount of experimental data that we have accumulated before I can do even this. My own mind is fairly well made up about the significance of our work at the present time; nevertheless, I should verify these impressions by review of our material.

I earnestly hope that it may be possible for me to do this during the coming winter. On completion of the review, I will make every effort to send you copies of such a statement for distribution to the members of the asbestos industry who have contributed to the support of the work.

Sincerely yours,

s/ Leroy U. Gardner

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