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Mr. S. Simpson, President,
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Bridgeport, Conn.

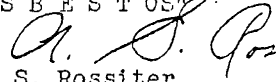
Dear Mr. Simpson:

You may have seen the attached article
on Asbestosis, but if not probably will be interested
in reading it.

You need not return it.

Very truly yours,

"A S B E S T O S"



A. S. Rossiter,
Editor.

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Bridgeport, Conn.
March 22, 1939

Miss A. S. Rossiter, Editor
ASBESTOS
16th Floor, Inquirer Bldg.
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Miss Rossiter:

Replying to yours of the 21st, I had not seen the asbestosis article, and thank you for calling it to my attention.

I would also ask whether you sent a copy to Mr. Vandiver Brown, of Johns-Manville. If not, I should like to send him my copy, for, as you know, Mr. Brown and myself are the only ones in contact with the Saranac Laboratory, which is carrying on research work for the textile industry, to ascertain the effects of asbestos dust on the workmen.

The preliminary findings on asbestos dust were so good that we just cannot believe them, and they are being rechecked. Of course, as you know, preliminary reports are not worth very much except as an indication, and we will not have final reports from the Saranac Laboratory for about two years, as we went into a three year investigation. Practically all the manufacturers have joined in defraying the expenses of the investigation.

For your information, I might say the Public Health Service of North Carolina has visited our Charleston plant several times in the study of health hazards in the asbestos textile industry.

I think when we get through with our Saranac investigation, we will show that this paper is considerably distorted, although he does say at last that where the air can be kept down to five million microns, there is no danger, and I can tell you confidentially, but am not willing to make it public, that the air can be kept below five million microns, with proper controls, but I am not willing to start a controversy with my competitors.

Both Manville and ourselves have done wonders in the way of dust control, and so far as I know, are a long, long way ahead of every one else, and when the time is right, and we will get the reports from the Laboratory, we will be willing to turn over to our competitors all the information we have regarding dust control. I have a pretty good idea of the plants that were studied

Miss Rossiter

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for this paper, and as nearly as I can find out, they have no
dust control at all that amounts to anything.

With very best wishes to Mr. Stover, I am,

Very truly yours,

SS:G

President

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Mr. S. Simpson, President,
Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.,
Bridgeport, Conn.

Dear Mr. Simpson:

We are very glad that the clipping sent you a few days ago concerning asbestosis was of interest. This was the only copy we had so Mr. Vandiver Brown has not received a copy from us. You could probably get a copy of the article for Mr. Brown, if you wish, by writing the Journal from which it was taken.

The information you give as to your Saranac investigation is most interesting. Of course we understand that all this information on asbestosis is to be kept confidential and that nothing should be published about asbestosis in "ASBESTOS" at present. When you are finally ready to make public the results of this Laboratory work, you of course, know we shall be more than glad to publish an article or two or more, on the subject, and we hope you will bear us in mind and see that we get such articles at the proper time.

In the meantime we shall be glad to send you anything of an interesting character which comes to us on this subject and if possible will see that Mr. Vandiver Brown also gets it.

Very truly yours,

"ASBESTOS"

A. S. Rossiter
Editor.

TJ

Handwritten notes:
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