division?

A Absolutely. It has been shown in animals and people exposed to asbestos fibers that these genetic errors are there.

Q And the fact that there are more mistakes, does that increase the likelihood of cancer developing?

A Exactly.

Q Okay. Now, the reactions that we saw on the slides that you gave us there earlier, is one asbestos fiber capable of causing some of those reactions?

A I guess it depends on -- it is not an easy question to answer because if you say can one fiber cause disease, my answer is that the likelihood of that is so infinitesimally small, we can't measure it, but does every fiber cause a biological response and then does every fiber increase the likelihood of those events accruing and causing disease, sure. So they all contribute to the process.

Q Now, Doctor, based upon a reasonable degree of scientific certainty, do you have an opinion as to