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Date: 3/21/33
Title: Letter
Author: Harbaugh
Receiver: Cummings
Comments:
"While the members of the Board feel that the data contained in your paper could be made use of by unscrupulous persons in a manner most damaging to the industry even though the paper is made unidentifiable as to the location [studied], they do appreciate your point of view and also the significance of your scientific contribution, and they do not wish to be unreasonable or unfair in the matter of publication of the paper."

Harbaugh went on to say that they would approve the paper if all geographic references were deleted. For example the title would be changed from "Studies on Silicosis Occurring in a Southwestern Mining Community" to Studies on Silicosis Occurring in a Metal Mining District in the United States."

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Copy for Dr. A. J. Lanza.

February 21, 1938.

Mr. Donald H. Cunningham, Asst Director,
Exploses Laboratory,
Box 858,
Suquenet Lake, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Cunningham:

I have finally got an expression of opinion from the members of our Board of Directors regarding your letter of February 3rd.

While the members of the Board feel that the data contained in your paper could be made use of by unscrupulous persons in a manner most damaging to the industry even though the paper is made unidentifiable as to the location contemplated, they do appreciate your point of view and also the significance of your scientific contribution, and they do not wish to be unreasonable or unfair in the matter of publication of this paper.

In line with your suggestions, they feel that no reasonable objection can be offered to the publication of your paper if there is deleted from it all matter which makes its subject matter identifiable as to the area concerned. The title "Studies on Silicosis Occurring in a Metal Mining District in the United States," is suggested, rather than in a Southwestern Mining Community.

I went through the paper with the idea of making some suggestions on the necessary deletions, but it became apparent that you would have to make so many revisions that I felt you could make them better with a free hand. It will require the deletion of references to Oklahoma, Ottawa County, Joplin, lead and zinc, persons, institutions (including this association and the Bureau) and various other matter. After you have revised the manuscript we should like the opportunity to inspect it briefly to ascertain the desired end has been accomplished, since there might be some doubt on some of the points involved. I assure you time could and delay it longer than to mail it here and back.

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