

Companies Requested Non-Publication of Asbestos Health Hazards

Exhibit No. T-92

Date: November 3, 1941

Description: Letter from Vandiver Brown, Attorney for Johns-Manville, to Sumner Simpson, President of Raybestos-Manhattan

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JOHNS-MANVILLE CORPORATION

TWENTY-TWO EAST FORTIETH STREET

NEW YORK, N. Y.

EXECUTIVE OFFICES

November 3, 1941.

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

Dear Mr. Simpson:

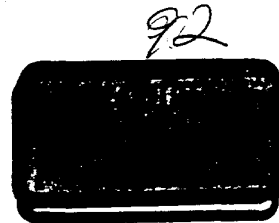
After receiving yours of October 31st, with enclosures, I communicated with Miss Rossiter and told her in substance that, while I could state on behalf of Johns-Manville Corporation - and probably on behalf of your company - there would be no objection to her including a review of the book on "Pneumoconiosis" in the November issue of "ASBESTOS", I felt there was considerable likelihood that a number of her subscribers would dislike an article on this subject in the trade magazine of the Asbestos Industry. I had in mind the ostrich-like attitude which has been evidenced from time to time by some members of the Industry. While I did not over-emphasize this point with Miss Rossiter, but merely suggested she give it consideration, I am inclined to believe she will omit any review of the book in question.

Regarding Dr. Gardner, I am writing him as per the attached copy.

Sincerely,

Vandiver Brown
Vandiver Brown,
Secretary.

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