

1 If you have a positive test, it indicates
2 either you have been infected in the past with micro-
3 bacterial tuberculosis, or you are infected at the
4 present.

5 What is done, X-rays are taken of the lungs
6 to indicate if there is any radio evidence of
7 tuberculosis, and most people who have a positive PPD,
8 depending on their age or clinical situation, would be
9 treated with two antibiotics, one Isoniazid and one
10 Rifampin.

11 And in fact, Mr. Grewe was treated with
12 those antibiotics, and another one called
13 Ciprofloxacin for a while when they determined he had
14 a positive PPD. But all of the cultures taken of his
15 pleural fluid that developed around his left lung were
16 negative for microbacterial tuberculosis and the
17 smears never showed this.

18 Q Did that finding have any effect on the
19 cause of his mesothelioma?

20 A No.

21 Q You noted Mr. Grewe, it was noted in his