

1 like one to two million?

2 A Depending on the time period. In the '60s
3 the National Cancer Institute published some data and
4 that is one or two cases per million per year.

5 And as the disease got recognized more and
6 more by pathologists in the '70s, it was a little bit
7 higher and in the '80s even higher.

8 MR. SMITH: May I approach, Your Honor?

9 THE COURT: You may.

10 BY MR. SMITH:

11 Q I am looking at your trial testimony, Dr.
12 Wong, in New Jersey on June 19, 1990.

13 And you were asked, now, what is the
14 background level of mesothelioma in the general
15 population in your view, the nonexposed population,
16 and your answer, in this country, based on the
17 National Cancer Institute, it is about two per million
18 per year. Two per million, yes, per year.

19 A That was based on old data. I said that in
20 1990.

21 Q Okay. And when did that data change?