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Asbestosis and Mesothelioma

Just a note to confirm the conversation we had today when I told you that Dr. Harries from Devonport Dockyard would arrive at Manchester, Piccadilly, 4 p.m. on Monday next March 14th; he will catch the 8.45 a.m. train from Plymouth. To help identification he will wear a light coloured raincoat, and carry a small blue suitcase.

I have told Dr. Harries that during the evening we can talk about some of the problems which are concerning all of us, and on the Tuesday we will show him around those parts of our works which should interest him, and also talk to him about dust counts and the various type of apparatus in existence which he may find useful in assessing his own problems.

I would think he would aim to leave us on Tuesday at about 3 p.m., and he hopes then to visit B.B. & A., Cleckheaton, to have a talk with Mr. Ross Hunt. Dr. Harries referred to their physiological department, which interests him.

Meanwhile, I have made no further approach to Surgeon Captain James, as it seems to me that we should wait until we have heard what Dr. Harries has to say;

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Surgeon Captain James has already made the point that he has deputed Dr. Harries to do the main work in connection with the Ministry of Defence research into this problem.

In his letter of March 2nd, Mr. Waddell refers to a possible visit by Mr. Couzens but, here again, I think it would be premature to arrange this, and indeed the better plan may be for you to see him at Bath and so combine a meeting with Mr. Empson. At this juncture I doubt if Mr. Couzens would have any further useful comment to make.

E. A. Edmonds