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ATT: MR. VERHALEN

DEAR JIM:

I AM ENCLOSING HEREWITH COPY OF A LETTER SENT TODAY TO THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK REQUESTING PROPER DOCUMENTATION AND SIGNATURE CARDS, SO THAT WE MIGHT ESTABLISH THE SAVINGS ACCOUNT WITH THEM. AS SOON AS THESE HAVE BEEN COMPLETED, I WILL CHECK WITH YOU AS TO THE CURRENT BALANCE, AND WE CAN DETERMINE IN WHAT AMOUNT TO OPEN UP THIS SAVINGS ACCOUNT.

I HAD OCCASION TO VISIT WITH DR. SELIKOFF ON WEDNESDAY MORNING TO HAVE MY SEMI-ANNUAL PHYSICAL CHECK-UP, AND, OF COURSE, THE CONVERSATION GOT AROUND TO THE SITUATION WHICH WE HAD DISCUSSED WITH HIM PREVIOUSLY. IT SEEMS THAT HE IS DETERMINED, AT ALL COSTS, TO GET A VERY SUBSTANTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE GRANT FOR INVESTIGATION OF THE SITUATION WHICH HE HAS SO WIDELY PUBLICIZED. HE IS GOING TO HAVE A COMMITTEE FORMED WHICH WILL CONSIST OF SOME TWENTY OR THIRTY PEOPLE WHO WILL COME FROM THE MEDICAL PROFESSION, PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE, INVESTIGATORY FIELD, ASBESTOS MINING COMPANIES, AND OTHER BUSINESS VENTURES AFFILIATED WITH ASBESTOS. HE HAS SUGGESTED THAT I MIGHT POSSIBLY WANT TO BE INVITED AS A MEMBER OF THAT COMMITTEE, AND I THINK IT IS SMART AT THIS TIME THAT I ACCEPT. I WOULD THEN ACT EX-OFFICIO AS A MEMBER OF THE SPRAYED MINERAL FIBRE MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION SITTING ON THIS COMMITTEE, SO THAT WE CAN HAVE IMMEDIATE CONTACT WITH EVERYTHING THAT IS GOING ON. I UNDERSTAND THAT DR. KENNETH SMITH OF JOHNS-MANVILLE WILL BE A MEMBER OF THIS COMMITTEE, AND AN ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO OUTLINE A PROGRAM OF INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHAT HAS TO BE DONE RELATIVE TO THE SO-CALLED HEALTH HAZZARD WITH ASBESTOS. LET ME KNOW THAT YOU CONCUR WITH MY DETERMINATION THAT I ACCEPT THIS SEAT ON THE COMMITTEE SO THAT WE MAY BE KEPT INFORMED FOR THE ASSOCIATION OF ALL HAPPENINGS.

WITH KINDEST REGARDS.

VERY TRULY YOURS,  
SPRAYED MINERAL FIBRE MFRS. ASSN. *[Signature]*

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