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UNITED STATES GYPSUM COMPANY

300 WEST ADAMS STREET USG CHICAGO 6, ILLINOIS

December 27, 1950

Mr. Ben G. Miriello
218 Grand Street
Jersey City 2, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Miriello:

We acknowledge your letter dated December 13, 1950. Also, the writer has reviewed your earlier letter written June 8, 1950. By inadvertence your June 8th letter was not acknowledged. It did, however, receive our attention last summer and an investigation was made at that time due entirely to your letter.

In your letter of June 8, 1950, you stated that your father worked in our plant "some fifteen years ago". A check of our records shows that our company did not acquire and operate its New Jersey plant where your father was employed until February 28, 1936, and accordingly, his employment or the bulk of it must have been for the prior owner or operator of that plant. Insofar as the writer knows there have been no occupational disease claims made for or on account of asbestosis against our company at that plant. In fact, since June, 1939, no asbestos has been used in the manufacture at that plant.

We feel that much has been accomplished over the period of the past few years in the field of industrial hygiene and we are rather proud of the record and program of our particular company. We believe that we have a modern plant in New Jersey and that everything which reasonably can be done is being done towards the health and safety of the people in connection with that plant. At least, such is our policy. In view of the statements contained in your letter, we would welcome an opportunity to show you around the plant to the end that you may see for yourself what we believe we have accomplished during the

period of our ownership and operation of the plant. Mr. E. O. Gerkin is the works manager at the New Jersey plant. We suggest, if agreeable to you, that you telephone and make arrangements with him for a visit through the plant at a time which meets with your mutual convenience.

Yours very truly,

UNITED STATES GYPSUM COMPANY

By

Operations Manager