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Mr. C. M. [illegible],
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Philadelphia, Pa.

Re: Air Hygiene Foundation of America
Membership Meeting of Nov. [illegible]

Dear Mr. [illegible]:

I am writing to report upon the [illegible] meeting of members of Air Hygiene Foundation of America, Incorporated, which was held in Pittsburgh on November [illegible].

The meeting was attended by a large and [illegible] enthusiastic group comprising approximately 200 persons. These consisted of members, guests of the Foundation and many specialists in the field of air hygiene - medical, engineering, legal and governmental.

Dr. A. J. Lanza, Medical Director of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and Chairman of the Medical Committee of the Foundation, addressed the meeting on behalf of his Committee and gave a brief summary of the initial report of the Medical Committee, which has not as yet been published but publication of which is anticipated shortly. It is my belief that this Medical Committee report will [illegible] the discussion of dust diseases [illegible] the difficult problems involved [illegible] that nature.

[illegible] of the [illegible] of Public Health [illegible] discussed the [illegible] Committee of the Foundation [illegible] engineering point of view with special emphasis [illegible] through dust eliminating apparatus and [illegible] already provided you with a copy of B[illegible] ventive Engineering Series of the Foundation. Further valuable contribution are anticipated from that Committee.

Mr. Alfred C. Hirth, Chairman of the Legal Committee, summarizes the work of his Committee during the first year of the existence of the Foundation. You have been provided with the three parts of Bulletin No. 1 of the Legal Committee and, therefore, have some idea of the work performed by this Committee during the first year of its operation. These Bulletins constitute a compilation of the laws and court decisions of the 48 States and the District of Columbia which have bearing upon the question of employer responsibility for occupational disease. They have filled a long-felt want and constitute a notable contribution. Secretary of Labor Perkins has praised these Bulletins in unqualified terms and has asserted that they have proved of great value to her and to the Committees of the Department of Labor which are conducting an investigation of dust diseases.

Mr. Theodore Waters, a member of the Legal Committee, read to the meeting excerpts from Bulletin No. 2 of the Legal [illegible] Series, which is to be published shortly. It constitutes [illegible] and criticism of provisions for occupational disease legislation. It is a splendid discussion of this problem and was enthusiastically received. In view of the fact that many state legislatures will be considering the adoption or revision of occupational disease legislation during the next few years, the importance of this thorough-going analysis of what dust disease legislation should and should not contain cannot be over-emphasized.

Although the Air Hygiene Foundation is approaching [illegible] various problems [illegible] the viewpoint of industry and is [illegible] Nevertheless, [illegible] appreciation of their viewpoint. [illegible] to advance scientific [illegible] effort to appraise the evil, [illegible] remedies, both preventive and curative. As such, it deserves and should receive the unqualified support of all members of industries faced with [illegible] disease hazard.

Membership through trade associations will no longer provide employers with the benefits of the Foundation. I am enclosing herewith a quantity of membership application forms and of schedules of membership charges for 1937. I urge that you present copies of these applications, together with the scale of charges, to all members of the asbestos industry and I hope you will see fit to recommend that they participate, through membership, in the burdens as well as in the benefits to be derived from the Foundation.

Foundation of this Foundation [illegible] as you will see, [illegible] made for subscription by "Article on Publications". [illegible] are not required to pay the [illegible] total [illegible] "contributions" [illegible] normal dues are only [illegible], as you will note, [illegible] receive only one file copy [illegible] publications of [illegible] for they are not permitted to publish or distribute [illegible] use by their constituent companies.

I am pleased [illegible] that Johns-Manville [illegible] apply for membership [illegible] and I sincerely hope that [illegible] proportion of the asbestos industry will be likewise [illegible]. The plans of the Foundation for 1937 are ambitious in scope and will necessarily call for the expenditure of relatively large sums of money. It is fortunate in having the whole-hearted co-operation of the Mellon Institute, which is providing offices and laboratory facilities together with the services of certain members of its personnel without expense to the Foundation.

You will also find enclosed herewith [illegible] and general information, [illegible] (b) copies of [illegible] the names of the officers, trustees and various committees.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Vandiver Brown
General Attorney

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