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November 21, 1962

Dr. Kenneth W. Smith
Medical Director
Johns Mansfield Corporation
22 East 40th Street
New York, New York

Dear Ken:

Would it be possible to secure from you approximately a quart of your fine asbestos dust in a size range below 20 mu.? I am thinking of some of the dust that is collected by your ventilation system.

The asbestos dust will be used in a research study with a possible development of a new product and could you also inform me if the asbestos dust in the above size range is commercially available and its selling price?

The report on asbestos which originated with Dr. Cartier is progressing slowly and I would like your frank and/or confidential reaction to this report before it reaches the committee for final approval. I may ask you for some information regarding the history of the use of asbestos as well as photos of the various forms of asbestos if these are available.

With best personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

JWGH

J. W. G. Hannon, M. D.

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December 10, 1962

Dr. John W. G. Hannon
625-635 Washington Trust Bldg.
Washington
Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Hannon:

I would like very much to help you by sending some asbestos fiber which you requested. However, I do not believe that I can obtain any samples of pure fiber which will be under 20 microns in size. In our various manufacturing processes, we did find fibers of many different lengths in the dust collected by our ventilating systems. In addition, such a dust sample in all probability would contain other dust particles such as cement or silica, or cotton or nylon, etc., if the sample came from a textile operation. I could send you some pure asbestos fiber such as Group 4, which is most commonly used, but there would be very little under the 20 micron size which you require.

Quite a few years ago, Doctors Gardner and Vorwald used pure asbestos fiber of short lengths but this was obtained only after a long, tedious and expensive process of ball milling the Group 4 fiber. I do not know how or where this separation process was done. If you would like to try to mill regular fiber, I shall be very pleased to send you some of the pure Group 4. On the other hand, if you wish me to take a chance and get some samples from our ventilation system which will have as little foreign matter as possible, I shall be pleased to do that.

Concerning Dr. Cartier's report on asbestos, I still have the feeling that it should be reworked for I believe that some of the expressions and choice of words used by Paul suffered in the translation from his French Language thinking to use of English words. I would be very pleased to help in the review of this if you so desire. I might add that I just wrote a chapter on asbestosis for Dr. Lanza's forthcoming book. I might be able to get a reprint of this chapter for you when it is published. Paul and I do not differ very much in basic philosophy and you might be interested in comparing our expression of thoughts.

Sincerely,

Kenneth W. Smith, M.D.
Medical Director

McINTYRE RESEARCH FOUNDATION

30 Prince Arthur Avenue
TORONTO 5 ONTARIO

December 20, 1962

Reply to the Office of:

J. W. G. Hannon, M. D.
Medical Director
McIntyre Research Foundation
628 Washington Trust Building
Washington, Pennsylvania

Dr. Kenneth W. Smith
Medical Director
Johns-Manville Corporation
Twenty-Two East Fortieth Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Ken:

I received your note regarding the asbestos fiber and if it is possible could you send me approximately a quart of the dust collected by your ventilation system and described in the first paragraph of your letter.

I believe, as you do, that Dr. Cartier's report on asbestos needs further editing and that several controversial points need further clarification.

With best regards and Seasons Greetings.

Sincerely yours,

J. W. G. Hannon, M. D.

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Dr. J. W. G. Hannon
Medical Director
McIntyre Research Foundation
628 Washington Trust Building
Washington, Pennsylvania

Dear Guy:

Under separate cover you will receive a sample of asbestos dust which presently is being collected in our Textile Department at the Manville, New Jersey plant. Please let me know if it is not suitable and I shall try to gather a different sample. If there is a specific purpose for which you need the particular type of dust and you think that I may be able to help in another way, please do not hesitate to let me know.

I am attaching a copy of a chapter on Asbestosis which I wrote for the book which is edited by Dr. A. J. Lanza. Some of the thoughts expressed may be of interest if you compare these with Dr. Cartier's report.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

Kenneth W. Smith, M.D.
Medical Director

Attach.

WILLIAM J. L. McCULLOUGH, M. D.
CLARENCE J. McCULLOUGH, M. D.
JOHN W. G. HANNON, M. D.

625-635 WASHINGTON TRUST BUILDING
WASHINGTON, PENNSYLVANIA

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February 9, 1963

Phone: Baldwin 5-6200

TO: Dr. Paul Cartier
Dr. Ken Smith
Dr. G. W. H. Schepers

Re: Asbestosis Report

Dear Members of the Section on the Prevalence and Nature of Occupational Diseases of the Chest:

Would it be possible to meet with me in Washington, D. C. on the 16 or 17 of March, a date which is just prior to the Annual Meeting of the Industrial Medical Association and American Industrial Health Conference regarding our provisional report on Asbestosis?

I believe the four of us can get this report in good shape and eliminate any controversial features that may be apparent.

It is my opinion that this report should represent the present day thinking regarding asbestosis and that exposures that were highly hazardous and practiced many years in the past should be eliminated.

If you can attend this meeting would you please advise me and I will write you regarding the various phases of asbestosis which will be your assignments for this meeting. I am certain that through our efforts that a valuable contribution to industrial medicine can be made and that a publication of authoritative standing can be produced.

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

J. W. G. Hannon, M. D.

JWGH/mm

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February 13, 1963

Dr. J. W. O. Harmon
625-635 Washington Trust Bldg.
Washington, Pennsylvania

Re: Asbestosis Report

Dear Guy:

I shall be pleased to meet with you in Washington on the weekend of March 16 and 17. I had planned to go to Washington late Sunday afternoon but shall make this trip earlier if you so desire. Because of my heavy travel schedule I would like to spend as much of the weekend as possible with my family. Do you believe that if we met immediately after lunch on Sunday that we could cover the business at hand Sunday afternoon and evening? If you feel that more time is necessary, please let me know and I shall make appropriate travel arrangements.

Sincerely,

Kenneth W. Smith, M.D.
Medical Director

cc: Dr. Paul Cartier
Thetford Industrial Clinic
Thetford Mines
Quebec

Dr. C. W. M. Schepers
Haskell Laboratory
E. I. duPont deNemours & Co.
1001 Orange Street
Wilmington, Delaware

Thetford Industrial Clinic

Thetford Mines, Que.

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February 20, 1963.

Dr. Kenneth W. Smith,
Medical Director,
Johns-Manville Corporation,
22 East 40th Street,
New York 16, N.Y.

Re: Asbestos Report

Dear Dr. Smith,

Enclosed please find copy of letter written to Dr. Hannon which is self-explanatory and also meant for you.

Yours very truly,

/JS

P. Cartier

Paul Cartier, M.D.

I am anxious to see you in Washington

Best regards

Paul.

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February 20, 1963.

Dr. J.W.G. Hannon,
625-635 Washington Trust Bldg.,
Washington, Pennsylvania

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Re: Asbestosis Report

Dear Dr. Hannon,

I will be pleased to accept your invitation to meet you in Washington March 17th and to spend the afternoon and the evening with you.

Yours truly,

PC/JS

Paul Cartier, M.D.

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March 11, 1963

Dr. J. W. G. Hannon
625-635 Washington Trust Bldg.
Washington
Pennsylvania

Dear Guy:

I shall be most pleased to meet you in Washington on March 17. I expect to arrive about noon and shall be staying at the Sheraton-Park Hotel. I shall be free all afternoon and evening, and at certain times during the rest of the week if you need me.

Sincerely,

Kenneth W. Smith, M.D.
Medical Director

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April 17, 1963

Dr. J. W. G. Hannon
625-635 Washington Trust Bldg.
Washington
Pennsylvania

Dear Guy:

I have given long and serious consideration to the problem of my participation in your proposed article on asbestosis. For reasons which I have outlined to you concerning my company association and some membership of the committee, I am forced to disassociate myself from authorship in this article and must resign from Dr. Theodos' committee. I hope that I may be of some help in the future even if it is in an unofficial capacity.

Sincerely,

Kenneth W. Smith, M.D.
Medical Director

cc: Dr. Peter A. Theodos
Dr. G. W. H. Schepers
Dr. Paul Cartier