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My dear Mr. Benash:

I am sorry to take what seems to be an obstructive attitude, but I can not see any other proper course. Unless there has been some radical change of heart on one side or the other, I can not see what can come of an attempt to reopen this issue except more grief for everyone. We went over this matter with the abrasive and foundry people in two long sessions and it is not a question of scientific facts or of verbal presentation. The basic issue is that they do not want any publication from the Council to imply that silica dust is hazardous under any conditions. They know that it is, but they don't want any authoritative body to say so. Now you can not very well discuss protection against silica dust without the implication that silica dust is undesirable. If Cameron can draft a statement that will be acceptable to the scientific men on the one hand and to the foundrymen on the other, - God bless him. I do feel, however, that whatever use is made of the report, the proposed action should be referred to all the members of the technical committee and not merely to me.

Yours very sincerely,

C.-E.A. Winslow

