PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

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TO: H.A.Eschenbach DATE: 1979 Jan 8

FROM: H.Borgstedt SUBJECT: Pleural Effusions

CC: E.S.Wood

These are the possible cases of pleural effusions we have so far been able to identify:

1. Dr. Seifert: two cases about two or three years ago. Dr. Seifert was not sure about the nature of the cases, their origins and their disposition. The record librarian at the local hospital is going to find the records and give them to Dr. Seifert who will be in touch with me then. Presently we do not even know the identity of the patients.

2. Dr. Mathews: does not remember having seen any cases during the 20 or so years he has been in Libby.

3. Dr. Breus: has seen one case with pleural effusions which were evidently due to mitral stenosis (a chronic heart disease) and not to pleural changes. The heart disease has menawhile been worked up at a VA hospital in Washington State. Dr. Breus has been in Libby since 1965.

4. Dr. Graham: has seen one case, Mr. E. Wallace Moreau. Mr. Moreau's original complaint had been pain in the right lower chest of the pleuritic type. Fluid was found on radiological examination, increased on a second one. Thoracocentesis (puncturing of the chest wall with a needle) failed when doen in Kalispell at the hoppital in Kalispell. Several weeks later Dr. Paul Herron performed a thoracotomy (surgical opening of the chest wall) at the hospital in Kalispell and found inflammation and considerable fluid accumulation. There is no mention of blood in the discharge note which contains the information I got from Dr. Graham. Culturing of the fluid revealed the presence of two kinds or harmful microorganisms. Dr. Graham does not remember that a specific cause has been assigned to the pleural lesions at the time.

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To learn more about the case I called Dr. Herron in Kalispell. He acknowledged having taken care of a case of this nature for Dr. Graham in Libby but requested a formal written release for medical information from Mr. Moreau befor he would divulge any details about the case to us.

I understand that the required release has now been forwarded to Dr. Herron and I shall call him again in a couple of days if I do not hear from him before then.

5. The Goodman-Rudikoff survey: identified one case on the basis of radiological evidence only, Mr. Orville Johnson. It is not clear whether Johnson is also one of the cases Dr. Seifert remembers. They also identified one case of mitral stenosis: Mr. Allen McMannany, this may or may not be the case of Dr. Breus.

I shall be in contact with you again as soon as I receive f urther information from Drs. Seifert or Herron.

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