PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

MET-1073

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Ivan Sabourin, Esq.,
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CANADA

Re: Saranac Report —
"Asbestos Pneumoconiosis"

Dear Ivan:

You are generally familiar with the program of animal experimentation conducted at Saranac Laboratories by Dr. Leroy U. Gardner during the period from 1937 to the date of his death, and I sent you recently a copy of my letter to Mr. C. George Kreuger, Director of Engineering and Safety of the State of New Jersey, who was given a copy of Saranac's final report on these experiments.

The program was originally initiated at the instance of Johns-Manville Corporation and Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc. but received financial support of the various members of the asbestos textile industry whose names are enumerated in the letter to Mr. Kreuger.

Although it is contemplated that the report will be published at an early date in the Journal of Industrial Hygiene or some comparable publication in the United States, we nevertheless believe that, because of our close association in Canada with others interested in the solution of the asbestosis problem, the results of these experiments should be made available to them in advance of publication. Accordingly, I am providing you — in your capacity as Counsel to Quebec Asbestos Miners Association — with two copies of the report. We shall appreciate your advising the other members of the Association of our action in this particular and we will also see that you and they are advised, as soon as we know, as to when and where the report will be published.

It has occurred to us also that you might wish to present a pre-publication copy to Dr. Vidal or someone connected with the Commission and that perhaps you might even wish to channel the offering through the Minister of Labour. As to whether, and how, this should be done we rely on your judgment

and discretion, knowing that you will do it in such manner as will be most effective and reflect the most credit on the initiative and generosity of the members of the industry who sponsored the program and defrayed its not inconsidereble cost.

Please keep us advised as to the ultimate disposition of the two copies which are enclosed herewith and please emphasize to the recipients that the report is to be kept in confidence until after it has been released through publication.

Sincerely yours,

Vandiver Brown,
General Attorney.

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