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DATE 8-19-83
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Dear Dr. O'Donnell:

We missed you at the New York meeting in October sponsored by the New York Academy of Sciences on the "Biological Effects of Asbestos" and the subsequent meeting sponsored by the International Union Against Cancer (UICC) on the development of international research. These were excellent meetings and I recall that during the discussion your name was mentioned, in terms of the work you had published in this field. There has been a desire by all of us to encourage you to publish the data you have accumulated since 1957.

I know that about a year ago you advised me that you had increased the number of cases you had of lung cancers among asbestos workers. Since then I have not heard from you.

I would like to know how many cases you have been able to collect and for each of the cases, do you have the years of employment with the Raybestos Company starting with the first years of employment. In general, just what information have you been able to collect on your cases?

Some time in the near future I would like to come to Lancaster to visit with you to learn more about your work. I thought it would be desirable to write this letter first to re-establish contact with you. I recall in my previous correspondence with you that you are very busy, but I do feel that this particular problem is very important and once again, I believe that it would be very advisable for you to publish what information you have been able to accumulate.

Incidentally, have you been able to detect any mesothelioma of the pleura? For example, Harry F. Frey who died March 10, 1961, had recorded on his death certificate, "mesothelioma of the right lung". When you reviewed the case (he died in Lancaster General Hospital), was this in effect mesothelioma of the pleura?

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I have been interested in continuing my statistical study of this group and would like very much to make sure that the numbers are correct in terms of the total number of ^{living} ~~living~~ cancers observed.

For your convenience, if you wish, you could reply on the back of this letter. I am enclosing a self-addressed envelope for your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

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