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Mr. W. H. Soutar, Secretary
Quebec Asbestos Mining Association
c/o Canadian Johns-Manville Corp., Ltd.
Asbestos, P.Q., Canada

Dear Mr. Soutar:

As you know, representatives of the Quebec Asbestos Mining Association recently inquired of Industrial Hygiene Foundation regarding the possibility of investigating the lung cancer problem among asbestos workers by epidemiological and statistical methods. We understand that the QAMA has given serious consideration to such a study over a number of years and that the question was whether such a study might answer, one way or the other, inferences drawn in various publications.

The Foundation hesitated to state definitely whether such a study was feasible until it could be determined by a preliminary survey what information might be available and the accessibility of such information. During the week of February 20, the writer, with very great assistance from Dr. Kenneth W. Smith and Mr. Ivan Sabourin, made such a survey. Upon review of the information collected with the staff of the Foundation, it is our conclusion that a survey would be feasible and productive.

A memorandum is enclosed outlining the essential features of a proposed study for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Daniel C. Braun, M.D.
Medical Director

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cc: Dr. K. W. Smith
Mr. Ivan Sabourin

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