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CENTRAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

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PERTH.....21st December, 1951.....

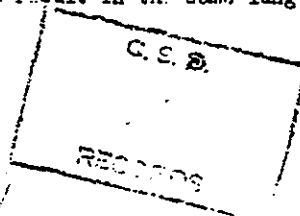
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The Commissioner of Public Health,
PERTH.

I have to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of your
memo of the 10th instant, enclosing copy of a minute from Dr. King de-
scriptive of asbestosis.

This minute has been carefully perused, with great
interest, by our technical officers and it appears that we will have to
watch this problem closely, with the assistance and co-operation of the
Commonwealth Health Laboratory.

Incidentally, Dr. King refers throughout his minute
to chrysotile asbestos only, which is a hydrated silicate of magnesia,
whereas our greatest problem at the moment is with crocidolite, which is
a silicate of iron and soda. It is, however, very similar to chrysotile
in its fibrous nature and it is presumed that continued inhalation of the
dust would result in the same lung condition as with chrysotile.



UNDER SECRETARY FOR MINES.

to King
to writing & comments of meeting
CPH.
** Noted Frank 17/1/52*
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