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DR. W. R. WHITMAN, CHIEF SURGEON,
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DEAR DR. WHITMAN,

RE: ANCIL WHEELER
N & W RAILWAY

THE CHEST FILMS OF THE ABOVE INDIVIDUAL MADE BY DRS. MAHRER, KRAUSE AND LUBERT OF CLEVELAND, OHIO, DATED APRIL 16, 1951, WERE SENT TO YOU BY REGISTERED MAIL. THESE CONSIST OF STEREOSCOPIC PA FILMS OF THE CHEST AND A PLAIN PA AND RIGHT LATERAL FILM AND, CONSIDERING THE PATIENT'S OBESITY, ARE TECHNICALLY EXCELLENT FILMS.

THERE IS MODERATE PLEURAL REACTION IN THE BASE OF THE RIGHT LUNG WHICH OBLITERATES THE RIGHT COSTOPHRENIC ANGLE, PRODUCING SOME HAZINESS OF THE MARGIN OF THE RIGHT DIAPHRAGM AND EXTENDS UP THE LATERAL CHEST WALL TO ABOUT THE FIFTH RIB IN THE MID AXILLARY LINE. THE BASE OF THE RIGHT LUNG IS MODERATELY HAZY RESULTING IN A SOMEWHAT "GROUND-GLASS" APPEARANCE AND THERE APPEARS TO BE A MODERATE AMOUNT OF FINE INTERSTITIAL FIBROSIS. RADIATING FROM THE RIGHT HILUM INTO THE RIGHT BASE BECOMING MORE PRONOUNCED AS THE BASE IS APPROACHED. SOMEWHAT SIMILAR FINDINGS ARE PRESENT IN THE BASE OF THE LEFT LUNG BUT TO A MUCH LESS DEGREE THAN ON THE RIGHT AND THERE IS NO PLEURAL REACTION ON THE LEFT.

THE PLEURAL REACTION, "THE GROUND-GLASS" APPEARANCI AND THE INTERSTITIAL FIBROSIS IN THE BASE OF THE RIGHT LUNG, TOGETI WITH A HISTORY OF EXPOSURE TO ASBESTOS DUST OVER A PERIOD OF SIX YEARS, ARE FINDINGS COMPATIBLE WITH ASBESTOSIS.

MANY THANKS FOR LETTING ME REVIEW THESE FILMS FOR YOU.

SINCERELY,

ALLEN BARKER, M. D.

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