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I have received today, from Maryland Casualty, copies of reports of chest X-rays on employees of the Dearborn and Ellwood City Plants.

Of the eleven Dearborn employees X-rayed, one was noted to have "increased scarring at bases-suggestive of early pneumoconiosis (lung disease resulting from inhalation of dust particles)". In the case of another employee, "Since 1966 increasing bronchial markings in peripheral lung fields. Enlargment of heart. Suggest repeat in six months". All others were normal.

Although three of the ten Ellwood City employees showed abnormal chest X-ray pictures, the examining physician reports the findings at this time as insignificant.

I mentioned in my letter covering the J-M meeting that purchase of equipment for sampling and analyzing air at the mines and expanding plants might well be indicated. There appears little doubt, based on the claims pending at the Los Angeles plant and X-ray reports such as those mentioned above that sampling and testing of air at expanding plants will have to be done on a periodic basis.

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