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Asbestos Dust Experiments
Examination of Asbestos Fibers

Dear Art:

As mentioned in our conversation there last week, the various members of the group of companies who underwrote the program have been asking when the article will be published in the Journal of Industrial Hygiene covering the results of the asbestos experiments that you carried out. Some of them are apparently in dire need of the publication of such authoritative information inasmuch as they now have some claims pending that would likely be affected by the information the experiments disclose.

Mr. Vandiver Brown asked me if there was any late word from you and I told him that, in our conversation last week, you said that you hoped to have the article ready for publication within a month to six weeks.

There is some reference in our previous correspondence to an understanding that you were to submit the article to us for review before publication. Perhaps I originated this idea, though I can't tell from the correspondence. Mr. Vandiver Brown expressed the opinion that there was no need of this further delay inasmuch as the complete study which we have all reviewed together outlines the facts, and an article following this study report would necessarily be in keeping with the understanding we all have of the situation.

Accordingly, would you proceed to have the article published as promptly as you can without sending it to us. Could the entire report be sent to the Journal of Industrial Hygiene and published in that fashion, or is it necessary that you rewrite and condense the report?

In any case, I trust that the information will be published just as promptly as possible. I am glad to know that even if you do have to reprepare or condense the material, this can be done within the next month or six weeks, as you mentioned to me.

If there is any delay beyond this estimated time, will you please let me know so that the various interested companies, who are so anxious to have this published right away, may be advised.

Yours sincerely,

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