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Dear Ken:

Although it was nice to hear from you, I am sorry that I made it necessary for you to call by failing to keep you up to date. I had not realized that it was so long since my letter of July 26. Since that time, Dr. Westrick completed the task of transcribing the data from the active files at Asbestos and visited Quebec where we obtained information on total deaths, cancer deaths, and deaths from cancer of the lung for the years 1950 through 1955. We have examined the death certificates of all cases dying of primary cancer of the lung in 1954 and 1955. From these, we have obtained the name, sex, age, profession or trade, and whether or not autopsy or operation was performed. As this material has been gathered, we have had discussions with our biostatisticians in order to determine how the data shall be processed and what each succeeding step of the investigation should be.

Only today Dr. Westrick returned from Thorndale Mines where she transcribed the data from all of Paul's files. I expect to meet with our biostatistician this week and processing of these data will probably begin immediately thereafter.

Our next step is to get the cause of death (or permanent disability) from the insurance carrier, and I was just about to enlist your aid in this connection when you called.

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The statisticians have not yet decided what we must do about the inactive files at Asbestos but will probably tell me this week. In any event, I will probably be coming to visit you in the near future and will be able to give you a more complete verbal report.

I am looking forward to seeing you.

Sincerely yours,

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