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2nd October, 19

Dr. H. Maynard Rennie,
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Dear Dr. Rennie,

Employee Australian
Blue Asbestos. Wittenoom.

Here is a copy of the history of this patient, together with relevant chest x-ray slides and three slides of biopsy from the lung.

He was born 19th October, 1921, in Poland. He left school in 1935, and until he came to Australia in 1950 he was a farm worker. In that year he commenced work with Australian Blue Asbestos at Wittenoom, building a new powerhouse about half a mile from the mill. At this time he was not aware of much dust. In the years 1953-55 he worked for 2½ years in the mill, which, he said, was very dusty. By the time he left the mill in September, 1955, he had become a leading hand, watching machinery etc. After leaving Wittenoom he became a yardman in a hotel.

He felt well until February, 1961, when he noticed that he became easily tired and short of breath. This dyspnoea has been associated with chopping wood, walking upstairs and walking fast along the flat. He does not consider that it has become worse since the onset. There has been no wheeze. Since the onset he has been aware of a cough, associated with yellow sputum which disappeared after about two or three months. It was most noticeable in the early morning when he would cough up approximately half a teaspoonful of sputum; the sputum has never been blood-stained. He has lost 1½ stone in weight since the onset. He smokes four or five cigarettes during the day and drinks one or two glasses of beer a day. There is no history of any previous illness. His wife is well and he has five children, 3 to 13 years, all well. His mother and father are both well.

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