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World Health Organisation

After reviewing all the available information about the World Health Organisation in relation to asbestos, and after discussions with both Mr. Colin Mann and Dr. J. C. Gilson of the M.R.C., I have come to the conclusion that we would be unwise to pursue any enquiries in Geneva at present. It seems rather improbable that the World Health Organisation is doing anything active about the asbestos health problem and we might well do more harm than good by probing about too much.

It appears that the European headquarters in Copenhagen operates fairly independently from the central body at Geneva, and in view of the trouble which has been stirred up in Denmark by Mr. Homann Pedersen of the Elainore Shipyard and by Dr. Karvonen, who was then employed by the World Health Organisation, I think we ought to keep in touch with the Copenhagen office and should eventually make contact with Dr. Karvonen's successor, when he has been appointed. It seems possible that we may be able to do this through Dr. Grut, Medical Inspector of Factories for the Danish Government.

Yours sincerely,

JW/BW

(Copy) P.S. to Mr. W. P. Howard.

Dr. Holmes will keep in touch with Dr. Grut and the Copenhagen office of W.H.O., through our agents, (10/2000) J. Washall.