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To: Mr. Wallan
From: Dr. Elkins
Subject: H. & V. Specialties Company, West Groton

Herewith for your information are three copies of a report by our engineers, Mr. Bayley and Mr. Compton, on their visit to the above establishment on October 27, with Inspector Mahan.

In connection with the air analysis table, it should be pointed out that accurate evaluation of the dust counts was not possible because we do not know what percentage of the dust is asbestos and what fraction may come from the cotton. Hence, we believe it is somewhat risky to assume that none of the concentrations found are excessive.

In addition, I would like to point out that some authorities are beginning to believe that the maximum allowable concentration of five million particles per cubic foot of air for asbestos dust is too high and it will be necessary to bring concentrations of dust in asbestos plants down to a lower level if illness is to be prevented.

It is, therefore, believed that the recommendations which are made in Mr. Bayley's report should be carried out. These involve additional ventilation, improved housekeeping practices, wearing respirators for a certain operation, and the institution of a medical control program including periodic chest X-rays.

The work on this matter is being initiated by the company and the results of the report is being sent by us to the employer.

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