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Dear Larry:

I have reviewed the report of the industrial hygiene survey of Port Allegany which was performed early this fall by Mr. Gronka, Regional Industrial Hygienist, Department of Health, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the related correspondence. The hygienic information guide on heat and the copy of Regulation 432 were not included. If these are available, I would appreciate receiving copies.

You are indeed fortunate in having such an expert as your father-in-law, Mr. Rapp. I was also impressed by the fact that Mr. Gronka seems to be a competent and sincere person.

As I remember from my plant visits, Port Allegany has suffered some minor medical problems related to excess heat exposure in the past. Medical heat problems are not determined just by environmental heat stress but equally by the capability of the individual worker to withstand such stress. Should an employee subject to such stress suffer a cardiovascular catastrophe, I am sure that it would be considered by the State Compensation Commission as work related. It is more important to exclude persons with known cardiovascular disease from jobs involving heat stress. Therefore, persons who are employed in these positions should be given thorough pre-placement medical examinations and an annual periodic medical examination. For persons 40 years of age and over, this should include an electrocardiogram.

Inasmuch as there appears to be a question as to the degree of hazard that exists and what if anything should be done about it, I recommend an industrial

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hygiene survey by the University of Pittsburgh personnel who have particular expertise in heat stress problems. This survey should be done during the summer and it could be done at the same time as the industrial hygiene survey that I recommended in my November 2, 1967 letter to Mr. Stout which was related to the evaluation of asbestos dust exposure.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mr. J. T. Destefano

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