FILE NAME: Baldwin (BALD)

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November 18, 1952

Mr. C. A. Stump, Personnel Dir.
Baldwin Lima Hamilton Corp.
South Main Street,
Lima, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Stump:

Enclosed is a copy of a Medical letter written by DeWitt Huffman, Industrial Hygiene Engineer of this Division, for your information and files.

Please feel free to call on this Division at any time that we can be of service to you.

Very truly yours,

Superintendent

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November 18, 1952

Re: [redacted]

Medical Department
Industrial Commission of Ohio
Columbus, Ohio

Gentlemen:

On November 14, a visit was made to the Baldwin Lima Hamilton Corp., South Main Street, Lima, Ohio, to check conditions under which the above decedent had worked.

The company manufactured steam locomotives at the time the decedent worked for them.

According to [redacted], who was the decedent's foreman during the last eight years the decedent work for this company, the decedent was a valve setter helper or an assembler. He also was considered a handy man. In as much as the company had discontinued the manufacture of steam locomotives and is not doing the work that the decedent was engaged in, affidavits in the file on this claim will have to be used as a source of information relative to decedent's dust exposure.

The building in which decedent worked was visited and it was noted that the pits in which he worked had been cemented. None of the asbestos blocks used by decedent were in the plant, but a similar asbestos block was secured and is transmitted with this letter. A small room was visited in which most of the sawing of asbestos was done. It was stated by [redacted] and others that decedent had no occasion to go into that room. Unquestionably there was some sawing and cutting done in the localities in which he worked as alleged in the file. Decedent was probably exposed to some asbestos dust in the course of his employment but just how much is difficult to say.

Very truly yours,

DeWitt Huffman
Industrial Hygiene Engineer

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