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Dr. W. Michael O'Fallon, Chief of Biometry
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Dear Dr. O'Fallon:

I was pleased to have the opportunity to talk to you and learn of your willingness to act as a consultant on our behalf in the review of a manuscript which we believe will be forwarded to us by NIOSH in relation to a retrospective study of talc mine employees. As I indicated, I am taking the liberty of enclosing preliminary data relating to the study which consists of:

1. The transcript of a presentation.
2. The raw data of the subjects and information on the subjects who developed disease.
3. A copy of a publication by Dr. Rubino and colleagues, entitled Mortality Study of Talc Miners and Millers.

The preliminary data are submitted to you for cursory examination as I believe the manuscript will be based on these data. The Rubino publication is submitted for your interest as Rubino and colleagues did a fairly substantial study on the cause of death of talc mine employees in Italy where the talc is somewhat similar to that mined in Vermont.

As I indicated, as soon as I obtain the manuscript from NIOSH, I shall forward it to you in the hope that you will be kind enough to review it and provide me with a critique.

We would like you to act as our consultant and would appreciate learning of the basis on which you would act as such.

We appreciate your kind assistance.

Sincerely yours,

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