individual a little more comfortable?

A Yes, sir.

Q Did Mr. Vandergucht also have edema as a result of his ascites and condition?

A Yes, sir. The protein in the blood, the protein helps keep fluid into the vascular system. Low protein will also result in the fluid leaking out.

Q Do you have an opinion, Doctor, again, with reasonable medical certainty, as to what the cause was of Mr. Vandergucht's peritoneal malignant mesothelioma?

A Yes, sir. Knowing that he was exposed occupationally to asbestos, it is my opinion that asbestos exposure caused his mesothelioma.

Q Is there anything else in Mr. Vandergucht's medical records that would account for the development of his malignant mesothelioma?

A No, sir.

Q Do you have an opinion, Doctor, as to whether his peritoneal mesothelioma shortened his life