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Dear Mr. Brown:

Many thanks indeed for your letter of May 25th and the two volumes of the record of the case of Butler. I am very glad indeed to get this material and appreciate your courtesy in sending it to me.

I am now back in New York for good and hope to drop in and see you some time in the near future.

As you are probably aware, there are a great many of these suits being filed, particularly in Rochester. I have had several attorneys and other interest people come to me for such advice as I could give them. These people always ask if I can refer them to others who have had similar experiences. I have always refrained from mentioning the Johns-Manville Company or anybody connected with it in any way but I am wondering whether there might not be some advantage in a community of interests, so to speak, for after all misery loves company.

Mr. Folger of Harris, Beach, Folger, Bacon and Keating, 40 Franklin Street, Rochester, New York, Attorney for the New York Central Railroad, is handling a great many of these cases. A Mr. Hardigg of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers is trying to get up some sort of a Manufacturers' Defense Association on behalf of the abrasive industries, and a Mr. de Elois, who used to be the head of the safety department of the Dupont organization is also trying to get together some organization for the benefit of the Rochester manufacturers.

I shall appreciate it if you will let me know some time whether you would wish to confer with any or all of these people or whether I should maintain the attitude that I have in the past of merely referring them to various government authorities in Washington.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

(Signed) A. J. Lanza
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