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SUBJECT: CAMDEN TRIALS

We have reviewed the trials on the notice of trails for May 18, 1976 and submit the following as the considered judgement of the Corporate Safety & Security Department.

Ernest Wallace S&C #7300084 CP #N28723

This claim originally closed by Judgement October 17, 1974 before Judge Hill for 17-1/2% partial total with an award of \$3,850 for chronic bronchitis and other pulmonary changes.

N/C
An appeal for review of formal award filed by claimant based on lung surgery performed in April, 1975. Final diagnosis was a carcinoma right lung extensive - inoperable, squamous cell class V.

Dr. York's review of the medical records indicated "the pathology showed evidence of asbestos bodies."

Claimant worked in C plant approximately 8 years. On basis of hospital activity, medical report and X-Ray analysis for Dr. Sakoloff dated 2/14/74 and 2/4/74 respectively must be discounted.

Corporate Safety & Security advised settlement with widow back in October, 1975. No Contest.

George Schafer S&C #7600007 CP #OC75-33569

Claimant employed since 2/14/41 and retired as of 3/17/75. Work history is mechanical and maintenance departments for entire employment. He did take early retirement.

N/C
Claimant put in DB claim in 2/75 for pulmonary emphysema, chronic bronchitis and osteo arthritis. Cause listed as "possibly due to asbestos fiber exposure". Extent of disability is indicated as total for any occupation and not suitable for rehabilitation.

We have two employment medicals both classifying claimant within class 1. Chest was clear in 1941. In 1946 X-ray showed slight increased fibroses at both bases.

We do not have pre-trial physicals. History, however, indicates we knew something was wrong in 1946, and it would be hard to overcome aggravation of pre-existing condition. No Contest. Reserve unknown.

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A. Marsilio S&C #76-00021 CP #0C766164

Please note Corporate Safety & Security file on above claimant does not bear the same PC# as listed on the attachment to your interoffice memo of 5/7/76.

This employee was hired on 3/13/68 and is still employed. Employment records indicate no C plant exposure. Was beaterman and hydropulper crane man and operator until 5/13/74 when he was transferred to vinyl siding. Still employed.

N/C
No Contest
We have two medicals on claimant - 1968 and 1974. In 1968 he had high BP (162/80). 1968 X-ray indications are lungs were clear. In 1974 medical for Siding Plant, claimant indicates he was never exposed to chemicals, dust, gas or noisy environment. Problems uncovered in 1974 physical not related to exposure according to doctor, but 1974 X-ray of lungs found accentuated hilar and descending trunk markings in the lung fields, possible small pleurodiaphragmatic adhesions in the lateral third of each hemidiaphragm and pleural thickening.

We are without present pre-trial medical data. The 1974 X-ray showing lung changes from 1968 could place us in an untenable position as to whether or not the change was due to an industrial exposure. No Contest.

Reserve unknown.

William Lee S&C #74 00117 CP #P23702

N/C
The only information Corporate Safety & Security has on this file was forwarded to us on 11/16/74. We know he worked in the C plant approximately 12 years. There is no pre-trial medical from either respondent or claimant's physician. He has been retired since 6/1/68.

Our medical records indicate this man had lung markings in both lungs and an increase in hilus shadows as far back as 8/22/45 when he was hired.

Without indication of present medicals, this file is incomplete. However, length of service and C plant employment forces us to put this file in the "No Contest" category.

We note this file is reserved for \$35,000.

Mary Ewing - Deceased S&C #7300085 CP #N29220

This file indicates claimant was diagnosed as suffering from squamous cell carcinoma of the lung on 1/23/74 and died on 3/14/74.

NC
Claimant entered our employ 11/11/43 and worked up to her permanent disability 3/22/68 in the C plant.

She was hired with normal lungs and classed as "2" based on other physical conditions. In 1945, X-rays showed an accentuation of the

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perebronchial lung markings of both lungs, most pronounced in the hilum regions and lower lobes especially the left. Doctor indicated "marked acute bronchitis".

We note this case is reserved at \$25,000. This claim has extensive Group Hospital Insurance payments which might be subject to subrogation. No Contest.

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Reserve is
Contested Case*

John Knight S&C #7400107 CP #P21487

Claimant has had varied periods of employment with GAF starting on 7/23/63, resigning on 8/6/63 and rehired on 11/20/63. Last day worked is indicated as 2/22/69.

Claimant worked in the C plant during employment. The only pre-employment indication of ailment was a slightly lower than normal blood pressure; X-rays showed no adverse conditions.

*N/C
Conclusion*

Work history as taken by Dr. York does not indicate C plant exposure. However, Dr. York's medical examination is a revelation especially in respect to his opinion, i.e. "Totally disabled from all causes," and lists arteriosclerotic cardio vascular disease, surgical residuals from a GAF back injury, a left nephrectomy, residuals of a gastrectomy and an enlarged liver.

This man is only 46 years of age. I think the question should be can we get out from under a Total Disability on a statute of limitations having run on his past injuries and residuals and can we get his current employer involved. There is no indication he has not worked since 1969.

The following claims should be contested:

	<u>S&C #</u>	<u>CP #</u>
Frank J. Finn	7500034	R7703
Wm. M. Oliver	7400045	P07490
William Hall	7500074	P40698
Bennie Malone	7500037	R8378
Bartholomew McKenna	7500039	R8548
" "	?	R11112
Sam Ross	7200052	N25956 (Re-open)
Chas. Turlington	7500123	OC30102
Jerrell Watson	7500020	P40832

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Note: The list attached to the May 7th memo lists:

P30924 Thomas

GAF Corporate Safety & Security lists two claims under the surname
Thomas -

Edward Thomas	S&C #7500003	PC #30934
John H. Thomas	" 7500055	Unk

Both Thomas claims appear on GAF's Contest list.

TPM:bg

Thomas H. Thomas

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