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Mr. J. F. D. Rohrbach,
President,
Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.,
Bridgeport, Conn.

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Dear Mr. Rohrbach:

By an interesting coincidence I received your letter of April 15th on the same day that I received advice from Saranac Laboratory that a report on Dr. Gardner's asbestos dust experiments would be submitted within approximately one month.

You and Mr. Simpson will recall that our contract with Saranac provided that the results of Dr. Gardner's experiments would not be published unless approved in advance by the asbestos textile group which financed the experiments. I shall be interested in yours and Mr. Simpson's ideas as to how we should proceed after the report has been received. Should we convene a meeting with representatives of the entire group or should a small committee be appointed to review and make recommendations? The latter would probably be preferable as it is my recollection they were approximately ten contributing companies.

As you are probably aware, Dr. Lanza became a Trustee of the Trudeau Foundation following Dr. Gardner's death and he was instrumental in securing the services of Dr. Kenneth Lynch, of Charleston, South Carolina, for the purpose of reviewing Dr. Gardner's experimental data and notes and preparing the forthcoming report thereon.

Please convey my regards to Mr. Simpson.

Sincerely yours,

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Secretary.

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