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Dear Irv:

I enjoyed the opportunity to meet with you again and appreciate you and Dr. Lillis reviewing our videotape "Caring About Asbestos." During the discussion, you raised two points which needed evaluation and I wanted to give you a follow-up report.

You and Dr. Lillis both wondered if Dr. Felson's reference to the frontal view of a plaque was in fact an X-ray of a carcinoma of the lung. Dr. Felson has since reviewed the videotape and, during the discussion, reiterated that the X-ray did in fact show only a plaque. The patient has been followed by him for many years and he is confident it is not a different lesion.

We reviewed the videotape again and agree with you that the statement that 4 out of 5 radiologists will have a different reading for the same X-ray is too harsh and will tend to undermine the confidence that employees have in X-ray interpretations. This statement will be removed.

I wish to thank you and Dr. Lillis for the very helpful and constructive comments and especially for helping us develop a factual educational videotape for our employees.

Sincerely,

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Corporate Medical Director

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