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Dear Jon:

In due course I will send you the reports on the Berlin film, but in the meantime, I would like to give you the following information.

The films of the following men impressed me as being entirely consistent with pulmonary asbestosis, and some of these have pleura thickening as well. They are as follows: Salvatore Mapano, John Rhoads, Edward Saunders, Charles Seifert, George Singley, Richard Smith, Robert Uhlig, George Zepp, Pasquale Menna, Albert S. Hoff, Curtis Cloud, Harry Copeland, Harry Akroyd, Theodore Archut, and Royden Braddock.

The following individuals had changes that caused me to consider them asbestosis suspects, and some of these I would think, perhaps were mixed with evidences of silicosis. Not all of these would be actually cases of asbestosis, and one would need, of course, to have careful exposure histories to further evaluate them. Those who have a substantial asbestos exposure would, I think, be properly classified as very likely having lung changes. These are as follows: Howard Knoll, Bernard McCafferty, Maurice McDonnell, Thomas McGrath, Anthony Marella, Peter Pinto, Henry Towell, Floyd Rogn, William Rotgers, Albert Sacco, Conrad Schaeffer, Robert Shemlock, Morris Sigler, Arthur Thornton, Angelo Tierno, Walter Townsend, Eugene Turner, William Vennel, June Welser, Bernard Weigand, Michael Menna, Louis Miller, Kurt Mueller, Ronald Hill, Frank Ianatti, Warren Irwin, William Jose, William Justice, Alfred Courter, David Atger, John Barbaccia, and Partick Brien.

The following individuals had pathologically thickened pleura, but I could not make out any changes within the lung that were indicative of parenchymal asbestosis. These are as follows: Hugh Fitzpatrick, Robert Brown, William Cassant, Albert Cloud, and Paul Bell. It should be noted that others had thickened pleura, as well as intra pulmonary changes.

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Two individuals did not have evidences of the pneumoconiosis, but did have intra-pulmonary abnormal densities, which I thought deserved further study. These men are Charles Congdon and Fred Dislefano.

There was an envelope for a Mr. Morrison which contained only a lateral film and no P.A., and another envelope for a Mr. Digerolama that had only the films of a foot, and none of the lung.

In general these films were somewhat below standard technically, and you will note that two of them I considered inadequate, technically, to a degree that I would not give them an evaluation. There were some excellent films and there were occasions when the technicians tried to get better films by using a grid. It is probable that more of the latter should have been done.

I should point out that when one reads the films of the UICC classification, the more minimal ratings, such as 1/1, are not necessarily indicative of actual intra-pulmonary pathology since some normal individuals may show this much in the way of irregular densities. For this reason I am quite sure that some of the individuals that I have called asbestosis suspects will, in fact, not have had any asbestos exposure at all. Nevertheless, in reading films I thought I should put my opinion down and you can make a judgment better than I can about the meaning of the readings. If you want to get together about them in a direct way I will be happy to do so.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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