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Mr. Vandiver Brown, Secretary
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Dear Mr. Brown:

Thank you very much for your letter of April 26th concerning the impending report upon Dr. Gardner's asbestos dust experiments.

I note that you, Mr. Rohrbach and I all favor a review of the report by a small committee prior to its being released to the entire group.

I have never actually received a list of the names of the asbestos textile manufacturing companies who are the sponsors of Dr. Gardner's experiments, but I am of the opinion that there are several member companies of the Asbestos Textile Institute who are not amongst the sponsors of Dr. Gardner's experiments. If I am correct in this understanding, and also based upon an impression which I gained at a meeting of the Asbestos Textile Institute held not so long ago at New Brunswick, N. J., I think it might be better not to have the report reviewed, in the first instance, by a small committee of the A.T.I.; in other words, my feeling is that it would be better initially to select a small committee of, say, three or four representatives of the original sponsors to study and give us their view of the report.

Perhaps you will be so kind as to consider my suggestion and let me hear from you at your early convenience.

With kind personal regards,

Yours Sincerely,

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cc Mr. J.F.D. Rohrbach