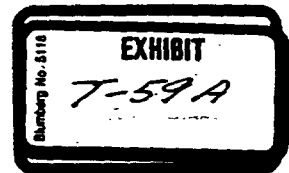


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**Mr. Sumner Simpson, President,
Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.,
Bridgeport, Conn..**

**Subj: STUDY OF DUST CONDITIONS AT THE PLANT
OF THE GENERAL ASBESTOS & RUBBER DIVISION**

Dear Mr. Simpson:-

I wish to make a report to you, as follows:

This morning, at about 9:00 o'clock, a Dr. H. F. Wilson, a representative of the South Carolina State Board of Health, called at this office and stated that he was making this visit at the request of Dr. J. A. Payne, who is the Health Officer for the State of South Carolina.

The object of this visit was for the purpose of finding out if we would grant permission to the South Carolina State Board of Health to make an inspection and study of dust conditions at this plant. I spent quite a while in conversation with this gentleman and found out that this request was brought about by the U. S. Department of Health wishing to make a survey of an Asbestos plant, which, it was considered, had been brought up to the best possible conditions at the present time. However, it seems that the law is such that the U.S. Department of Health can not send men into any State without first getting the permission of the State Health Department, and then the State Health Department has to obtain permission from the owners of the plant.

Dr. Wilson advised me that this inspection would be made by representatives of the United States Department of Health cooperating with representatives of the South Carolina State Board of Health.

Sometime ago, I advised you that I had met Dr. Seyer, an Assistant Surgeon General of the United States, who is the head of the United States Department of Health, and this Dr. Wilson stated that he had been in New York and discussed this matter with Dr. Lanza and Dr. McConnell of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., and that when the question came up as to some plant which they could study under the best conditions, Dr. Wilson advised that Dr. McConnell stated to him: "If you desire to see the model plant in the United States, you should try to get permission to examine the plant of the General Asbestos & Rubber Division at North Charleston, South Carolina."

Next questioned Dr. Wilson as to what was the nature of the study they desired to make. He advised as follows:

- 1. They first wished to inspect the general conditions in the plant.**
- 2. They desired to make dust counts in the various departments.**
- 3. They desired to X-ray each and everyone of the employees.**