proceeds by first carefully and accurately describing characteristics of the disease in different population groups and its essential objective is the formulation, testing, and verification of generalizations concerning the disease in question.

In order to apply this method of investigation to the problem under discussion, the Foundation was of the opinion that a study should be planned so as to provide:

1. A well defined population group.
2. Available data for all members of this population, including the healthy as well as the ill.
3. A sample which is truly representative of the population.
4. Reliable and valid observations relating to the problem of the study.

A serious defect, common to most of the studies which have been reported, is that little or no information concerning the healthy people in the group seems to have been available to the author. Therefore, results of these studies cannot properly be generalized to include such people.

In order to draw a generalization regarding all asbestos workers, it is necessary for a study to include living persons as well as the dead. Limiting the investigation to autopsied cases, as has been frequently done in earlier studies, still further restricts its use