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Bruce
Bob Meeks has written
a letter to Dr. Allen
suggesting that he remove
the word "arborescent"
from his radiology
report.

I don't agree and
would include the
following points in a
reply.

(1) There is no rubber
stamp. Our replies
are typed.

(2) The word "~~arborescent~~"
is appropriate in the
report because:

(a) the lesions described
are frequently associated
with asbestos exposure

(b) asbestos is
probably the most
common fibrogenic
agent to which
chemical industry
workers have been
exposed - particularly
in the mechanic craft

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(c) it is appropriate for a radiologist to suggest high probability differential diagnoses compatible with the lesions described in the film.

(d) to equivocate in the report for the alleged purpose of decreasing the litigation vulnerability of our employees is not compatible with the philosophy of our company ~~and~~ the goals of the current oriented program - detect, inform, and evaluate.

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