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R. L. Bowen, M. D.
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Dear Doctor Bowen:

A case has been presented to us as having died from an occupational exposure to asbestos dust. Apparently this interpretation is based upon findings obtained at autopsy which was performed by Dr. Berdez.

For many years the Saranac Laboratory has conducted numerous investigations apropos pneumoconiosis especially as it relates to the inhalation of biologically active dusts such as silica. Asbestosis is also one of our major interests. Therefore we would appreciate the opportunity of reviewing the autopsy protocol, together with some of the pulmonary tissue should it be available.

In discussing this matter some few days ago with Mr. Robert Downs, our field representative in the Iron Ore District, he suggested that I write to you regarding the matter.

The patient's name is Cominic Bartoglist.

Thanking you kindly for aiding us in this investigation, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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