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PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA 15219

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Medical Director



October 14, 1991

PLAINTIFF'S
EXHIBIT
AL-1095

Mr. John Patuski
1166 Abbott Boulevard
Fort Lee, NJ 07024

Dear Mr. Patuski:

Thanks for your note of September 25 and your offer to be of assistance.

In the years since you had your exposures to coke, asbestos, etc., we've gained much more information about the health effects of some exposure. In some instances we've eliminated certain materials or now provide personal protection for employees in order to prevent harmful health effects.

Unfortunately, I did not give enough information in my letter about our present study. We learned as a result of earlier work that among deceased Alcoans there was an excess of cancer of the kidney. Based upon the experience of the U.S. population, we expected to observe 34 deaths over the years 1980 through 1987 but 53 were reported. We are now going back to take a careful look at work exposures to determine if any specific exposure could account for the excess kidney deaths. We anticipate having and reporting results of this new study next summer.

Medical benefit coverage is not in my area of responsibility. Your concerns related to coverage may be addressed to Michael A. Gambill, Director of Benefits, here in the Pittsburgh Office. A question about improper administration of medical benefits may be directed to Jim Svec at this location.

Best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

H. D. Seltz, M.D.

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1991 September 6

Dear Alcoa Retiree:

Alcoa is funding a study of the health of persons who have worked in the aluminum industry. The study is being conducted by the University of Pittsburgh School of Public Health and supported by the Alcoa Health and Industrial Hygiene Departments. This information gathering is a step in a larger study of the health of persons who have worked in the aluminum industry. I expect the research to take a few months followed by in-depth analysis at the University. The results of the study will be made public by the middle of next year.

University researchers will be questioning next of kin of former Alcoans about the health habits to supplement information they have been able to gather from company records.

We have discussed the process of this study with health and safety representatives of the unions representing Alcoa employees, and we have their full support. Results will be reported to these representatives prior to release to the public.

I want you to be informed about the study in the event it should be mentioned at a future retirees' meeting. If you have questions about the study, you may contact the physician at the location where you worked. If this location has no physician, you may contact me at the Pittsburgh Office.

Sincerely,

H. D. Belk, M.D.

9/25/91

H. D. Belk
Medical Director

*Very good. I do not know of
any alcoa physician in this area.
I just got out of the Hospital -
I even before I rec'd this letter I
Wondered if my lung problems were
not induced by -*

Coke, soft Corb, & oil fumes that were used
to fuel our Jees.

Benzine used to Clean scraped ingets
+ all the fluxing in the atmosphere?
which we breathed Hr after Hr, Day after Day etc
+ powdered asbestos (who knew it was dangerous)
was made grotesque? ~~Heads~~ Masks out of it
put it over our faces. (K.I.D. Stuff) but when
you woke somebody up on the nite shift
they had trouble going back to sleep)

X Ray after X Ray was taken of my lungs +
Cat scans if these will be of any help
in the study let me know.

Can't you push this new Insurance back 5 mo?
Travelers did not pay a hell of lot of my bills.

3 people who worked inside Jee (Repairs),
are dead. Rather young I think.

Joseph Albanese (man, a bull, tough.)
Frank Buzoni (tough, pro fighter Good shape)
Emerich Bruno (who moved when necessary)
26 Can be of any help in the study. Set me down.

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P.S. The big Reason
Can't you have Travelers, pay more.
-V alcoa-