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Mr. A. C. Link
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Dear Mr. Link:

Mr. Alexander has asked that I write you regarding my opinion on the projected United States Public Health Survey conducted by Dr. Lewis J. Crolley.

As you know, I stated originally to all of the gentlemen of the United States and Georgia Public Health Services, plus the Hogansville people that I thought it would be a good idea.

As the conference progressed and we heard more from Dr. Crolley and Dr. Cushner I began changing my mind.

They have no concept of our own particular public relations problem and I seriously doubt that a mass survey lasting only two weeks and involving the entire asbeston population could give much attention to this particular problem.

I believe it would be helpful if they could come and make all possible varieties of dust counts at all possible stations with all available counting equipment. Information thereby gathered could be of assistance to everyone, and to the United States Rubber Company in particular.

Insofar as their interrogating the workers is concerned, I would seriously doubt that these excellent doctor's will obtain information which is more searching or in greater depth than that which has been repeatedly obtained over the last several years.

If their testing procedures are so complicated that they cannot be repeated in other laboratories, they are without validity. If they can be repeated there is no reason we cannot learn their procedure and perform them; thereby obtaining their information and at the same time preserving our own excellent industrial relationships.

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I feel, after reading their protocol that insofar as the clinical and functional aspect of their plan is concerned it is more longitudinal (to use their expression) than latitudinal. In short, it is superficial.

We have virtually all the information available which they want and I would feel that our records should be made open to them.

Yours very truly,

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