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FOUNDATION FACTS

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It has been John McMahon's custom to present to you at this time "Foundation Facts." That responsibility today falls on me. Most of you know what the facts are, but we have probably a few new members and a few new friends, so I will just briefly outline them. Our Foundation started in 1935, when a group of companies banded together on account of the silicosis problem. That organization was known as the Air Hygiene Foundation. We had only some 20 companies, but the early work of the Foundation so impressed other companies that year after year our membership has increased, until today we have approximately 350 of the outstanding companies in the United States who are really interested in improving the working and living conditions of their employees.

National recognition to the Foundation as a competent, impartial research organization was not long in coming, and today, gentlemen, we deserve that recognition. I hope that we will always hold it. The eight companies who joined us this year are representative of our membership list—anyone who would like to have a complete list of our membership can obtain it through our offices here. The eight new companies which joined in 1950 were:

Bradley Mining Company
A. M. Byers Company
Commercial Solvents Corporation
Gulf Oil Corporation
Joy Manufacturing Company
Wyckoff Steel Company
General Ceramics and Steatite Corporation
Pullman-Standard Car Manufacturing Company

I would be amiss if I didn't tell you that your Foundation is in excellent financial condition. We started the year with roughly $101,000 in cash and short term Government bonds, and we estimate that we will end 1950 with $115,000.

Major Research Problems

Research results in facts. Constructive policies affecting better working conditions can only be based on facts. And facts are certainly the product of your Foundation. The goal of our Foundation is somewhat visionary, and its labors will only be completed when

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