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January 7, 1959

Paul Gross, M.D., Research Pathologist
Industrial Hygiene Foundation of America, Inc.
Mellon Institute
4400 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburg 13, Pennsylvania

Re: Harry Dever, White, Male,
Born August 16, 1908,
Expired October 11, 1958.

Dear Doctor Gross:

Dr. Kenneth W. Smith, Medical Director of the Johns-Manville Corporation, has requested that we forward to you tissue from the autopsy on Harry Dever. These were shipped on January 5th.

The first notes on this man in the Medical Department of the Waukegan Plants of Johns-Manville Products Corporation were made July 15, 1935, at which time he was 26 years of age, 5' 8" in height, and weighed 143 pounds; physical examination was essentially negative. On October 13, 1957 he was essentially negative, except for 2 plus albumin in his urine. By December 1st, 1949 his blood pressure was recorded as 180/104. On April 6th, 1953 his blood pressure was 184/98, and x-ray findings led to his being sent to the Lake County Tuberculosis Sanatarium, Waukegan, Illinois, where a diagnosis of tuberculosis was made. According to the records, sputum was positive for tubercle bacilli and he was given much chemotherpy. He was discharged from the Lake County Tuberculosis Sanatarium February 12th, 1954. Shortly after that he was returned to light work in as nearly a dust-free atmosphere as possible.

Our chest x-rays will also be forwarded to you. They have been reviewed by Eugene Pitts, M.D., Radiologist, who considered that on the film of December 1st, 1949 pneumoconiosis was present in an early stage. From this time on, the pneumoconiosis progressed.

This man was last examined in this department on April 29th, 1958, at which time the significant findings were a blood pressure of 170/100, he was quite dyspneic, with hyperpnea when at rest; it was a clinical impression of the examiner that he probably had a cor pulmonale with a borderline congestive heart failure. At that time his retirement for disability was recommended, with the following diagnoses: (1) Pneumoconiosis, stage 2, progressing. (2) Pulmonary tuberculosis, arrested. (3) Essential hypertension.

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Re: Harry Dever January 7, 1958

The man subsequently was retired. Sometime during the autumn of 1958 he was admitted to the Lake County Tuberculosis Sanatarium and there expired on October 11, 1958. I have talked with Dr. Charles K. Petter, Superintendent and Medical Director of the Lake County Tuberculosis Sanatarium, and he tells me that it is his recollection this man died of a cardiac failure, probably on the basis of a cor pulmonale; he stated that there was no evidence of the pulmonary tuberculosis having become reactivated.

Dr. Petter is having a copy made of the protocol of the autopsy on Harry Dever and when this is received, it will be forwarded to you under separate cover.

I would much appreciate it if two copies of your report on this could be sent here to me, one of which I would like to transmit on to Dr. Petter, who has been most cooperative in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

CHARLES U. CULMER, M.D.

Shipped separately: (1) Tissues preserved in formalin
(2) Chest x-ray films made at the Waukegan Plants of Johns-Manville Products Corporation.

When available, a copy of the autopsy protocol will also be forwarded.

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