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December 5, 1955

Dr. Kenneth W. Smith, Medical Director
Johns-Manville Corporation
22 East 40th Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Ken:

I have taken 45 photomicrographs (by the latest count) on the case of Steve Grober and have begun to photograph the incinerated slides. This is not intended to be a routine procedure. I am taking all this time and devoting so much effort to this case because opportunities to study asbestosis and this combination of pulmonary diseases are infrequent -- and I wish to learn. I hope you are not becoming impatient to receive the report on this case. I could give you a preliminary report, something along the lines of my verbal presentation to you, if you would like to have it.

I also have a number of questions regarding the final report on the synthetic silicates:

How many copies are desired?

In view of the considerable number of illustrations which will accompany the text and the expense connected with furnishing each copy with such illustrations, would it be agreeable to you to furnish only a limited number of copies (how many?) with photomicrographs. Of course, all copies will contain reproductions of the graphs which summarize the results, and tabulations (in the appendix) in which the findings of each animal are summarized. If you have objections or other suggestions, I shall be glad to have them.

How much time shall I plan to use for my presentation to your production men and other executives? The length of time will determine the number of slides which can be shown. It seems to me that one hour should not be exceeded for the formal presentation and that following this, there should be a period for questions and answers without time limit.

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Would you like to have lantern slides prepared of the photomicrographs at the same time as the prints are made? You may find such slides useful for presentations you may wish to give on this subject, or you may merely wish to have such slides on record.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Paul

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