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Dear Ken:

The host of obligations and the press of research duties have kept me from getting on with the proposed roentgenographic study of your cases for evidence of pulmonary malignancy in asbestosis.

In discussing the matter with Paul he, like you, thought it much worth while. However, I have not as yet identified the mechanism whereby it might be accomplished with the minimum of time and effort on your part. As a start, answers to these questions might aid in helping us meet the problem.

(1) What is the total number of cases included in your files?

(2) How many such cases have roentgenographic evidence of asbestosis?

(3) How many have pulmonary shadows suspicious for malignancy?

(4) How many cases are there with proven pulmonary malignancy?

(5) How many cases have been proven by autopsy?

Having your comment concerning those questions would allow us to plan accordingly. It may be that the cases under (3), (4) and (5) are so few in number that the respective roentgenograms could be forwarded here for study.

On the other hand, the above procedure might deny us the opportunity to visit you. We have been trying to do so for many months now and some day I hope it will be an accomplished fact. In the interim and until we can deliver more personal wishes to you and your dear ones, Madge joins me in every good wish for all good things during the entire New Year.

Sincerely yours

Arthur J. Vorwald, M.D.
Director

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