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Mr. J. Page Woodard
Johns-Manville Corporation
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Dear Page:

It was good having you, Mr. Elsenbast and Don Tollefson with us last Friday. During our discussion, some very interesting points were raised which I hope to answer in due course.

In the course of our discussions reference was made to Doctor Keller's recent visit to The Saranac Laboratory in the interest of the Johns-Manville facility in Waukegan, Illinois. While he was here, we spent a great deal of time reading and reviewing a large series of chest roentgenograms of approximately 64 employees in the plant. The cases which he presented may have been a highly selected group. Nevertheless, I was astounded with the number of cases presenting roentgenographic evidence of asbestosis. It is obvious that the situation in Waukegan is serious enough to warrant your most considered attention. Should the cases which we so recently reviewed be an index of the industrial hygiene conditions existing in that plant, it seems highly advisable for you to improve the plant conditions before irresponsible agents stimulate action which might reflect unfavorably on the industry.

During our discussions, Doctor Keller mentioned his desire to send chest roentgenograms to us for review and interpretation. He will be the first, I know, to admit his limitation in reading roentgenograms with respect to pulmonary disease resulting from the inhalation of dust. I believe his suggestions should be considered. We are willing to assist him and can do so in accordance with similar arrangements for other industries which we serve.

All of us devoted a great deal of time to Doctor Keller during his visit and I believe the Foundation should be reimbursed for at least part of that time, including the interpretation of the chest roentgenograms. It is our usual practice when reviewing x-ray films for the industries which we serve to make a charge for the interpretation. When our services include interpretation and personal review

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and consultation, such as required by Doctor Keller, our customary fee to the companies currently supporting our research program is $10.00 per case. Thus the total fee for reviewing the Waukegan films, involving some 64 cases, would amount to $640.00.

We are always willing, Page, to assist wherever and whenever we can. As you must realize, however, a consultation consuming days of our time represents considerable expense to us, for which we feel we should be reimbursed. Other industries recognize this situation and have made arrangements for this special service in their behalf. When only a small amount of our time is required, we are glad to contribute it, but we feel that a prolonged and involved consultation such as required by Doctor Keller was extra curricular and therefore reimbursable.

In the future, so that proper arrangements can be made here, it might be well to let us know in advance the extent of the consultation services which might be required. At the same time it would be advisable to have authorization from you for any extended services which might be involved. I am sorry that there was no time to discuss this matter with you personally last Friday when you were here in the Laboratory, as I had intended to do.

With every good wish, as always,

Sincerely yours,

Arthur J. Vorwald, M. D.
Director, The Trudeau Foundation
and The Saranac Laboratory

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cc: Mr. A. S. Elmenhast

P.S. Since the above figure is an unanticipated expense, what do you think of a round figure of $400.00?

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