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General Headquarters
May 13, 1964

C.H. Grote-Manville
L. Hemerda-Manville
Re: Manville Occupational Disease Cases

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Immediately subsequent to the May 20 meeting, I suggest Lou, George and I meet with Jack Fritz to review the details of each pending O.D. claim. Doctor Smith may also wish to attend. If not, I will discuss it with him prior to the meeting and relay his recommendations. In Lou's absence, I will take the liberty of calling Jack to attempt setting up May 21-22 for that review. This will be similar to the review we made several months ago except we will be guided by the recommendations of Chick as the result of the May 20th meeting.

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I am confident that, while we cannot solve this problem, we can curtail it considerably by beginning full trials of most O.D. claims that are filed. If we pursue this course of action, it should be done quietly and with no publicity whatsoever. If questioned as to our reasons for not streamlining cases, we will just advise that we feel a settlement is not justified. By taking this action, we would hope to backlog the courts thereby having the court put pressure on the petitioners' attorneys as well as consuming extensive petitioner-attorney time trying cases. We can evaluate the effectiveness of this strategy periodically and make changes when and if required.

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Chick, if you concur with the foregoing thought starters, in Lou's absence would you ask illegible or George to begin getting all of the O.D. claim folders together for claims filed but not heard to date. These will be used for review in Jack's office May 21 or/and [sic] 22. From prior conversations, I am reasonably sure that Lou will be in complete accord with using this approach.

If you have any other suggestions of areas in which we can help, please advise. I am confident that I can speak for Ken in assuring you that we will be available to spend as much time as required to assist with this problem.

C.L. Sheckler

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