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Manville General Plant
September 6, 1957.

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Conference - Mr. Turnbull's Office
September 5, 1957

During our meeting with Mr. Turnbull, he requested a confidential letter be written to accompany the appropriation for additional dust collecting equipment in Transite Pipe in Manville. I interpreted Mr. Turnbull as asking for assistance from you and me to prepare this confidential transmittal. Inasmuch as I will be on vacation next week, the information related verbally yesterday is enclosed in this letter, and I would be very grateful if you would convey it to the proper persons.

In our review of Transite Pipe cases via the conference procedure, from 5-6-57 to 8-6-57, the results are as follows:

Total number of Transite Pipe employees having chest Xrays, 5-6-57 to 8-6-57:

66	employees	- Dept.	070-071-072-073
9	"	- "	860
2	"	- "	870
2	"	- "	830
12	"	- "	831
1	"	- "	823
10	"	- "	820
3	"	- "	840
4	"	- "	850

Total: 109 employees - Transite Pipe Div., Manville

Conference procedure revealed the following:

8 Cases - mixed pneumoconiosis of various stages.

Ages:	45	55	42	35	54	41	44	42
Lgth. Service:	17	16	10	16	24	6	9	19

2 Cases - pulmonary involvement determined non-occupational, however potentially compensable as a result of exposure under our N. J. Workmen's Compensation Law.

Ages:	43	43
Lgth. Service:	6	17

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As you are aware, there are other factors involved in some of these cases such as prior exposure in J-M other than Transite Pipe, and exposure in coal mines prior to J-M employment. These, however, have no bearing on our responsibility relative to liability.

The 10 potential Workmen's Compensation cases represent approximately 9% of the total number of Xray examinations in Transite Pipe during the period the conference review has been in effect.

As we discussed yesterday, I would be reluctant to estimate the over-all problem based on our information to date, inasmuch as I feel that it is insufficient to be representative.

If this information is not complete enough for Mr. Turnbull's purposes, and inasmuch as no one else has access to these files, please do not hesitate to call me at Toms River 8-1916J2 during next week.

I contacted Dr. DuBow regarding the date of the next conference, September 17, 1957. He advised that, to the best of his knowledge, this date will be satisfactory.

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