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Mr. Alex A. Cross
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Dear Alex:

Several lawsuits against manufacturers of asbestos containing insulation products are in progress with one of the allegations being that warning labels and protective measures should have been provided the users of the product (insulations workers) long before these precautions actually were taken. In retrospect, one can see that we probably should have done it earlier, but there are a number of reasons, known to you as well as to me, why this did not occur. Knowing that England had the earliest set of regulations with respect to protecting the workers in the factory (1930, I believe) it has occurred to me that it might be useful to be able to say at what point in time these regulations were extended to cover users of products, such as insulation workers. It is my understanding "scheduling" of workers outside the factories per se occurred only recently, but I am not sure of this and, in addition, I know nothing about whether or not any extention beyond the factories occurred subsequent to 1930 and the dates of such extensions. Knowing how complete your information is in these matters, I am turning to you for your comments on this and, if possible, any documentation that is available to you.

I appreciate the magnitude of this request, especially in view of the many other obligations you have, but I feel justified in asking you to help us because of the extraordinary importance of these lawsuits. Any help you can give me will be greatly appreciated. I am reluctant to say it, but I must tell you that there is some urgency about this matter since one of the important trials will begin in early February.

With my very best wishes for the coming year to you and to Ronnie Dent and Dick Gaze.

Sincerely yours,

George W. Wright, M. D.
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