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Dr. Leonard Bristol
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Saranac Lake, N. Y.

Re: Chest X-Ray Survey
Asbestos, Quebec

Dear Len:

As the saying goes - "A considerable amount of water has flowed over the dam" since last we met and I feel rather embarrassed that my first letter to you since our meeting is of a business nature requesting help rather than a purely personal one. However, if I am forgiven, I shall try to make up for this in the future.

As part of an over-all survey of asbestos workers and to coordinate findings in this country with those in Canada we are considering engaging an outside specialist like yourself to read the chest films of all employees presently on the payroll at our Jeffrey Mine and the plant in Asbestos, Quebec. We would need an impartial consultant's interpretation of these films, and then would coordinate such reports with physical examinations and other procedures carried out at the mine. I am wondering if you would consider taking on this job. There are approximately 2500 employees there, not all of whom of course are exposed to asbestos but all should be included in the survey. I wonder if it would be possible to set up some sort of a routine x-ray reading program such as you and Tom Rooney have been doing for the iron ore people for many years. Arrangements could be made to have the films sent to you on a periodic basis as frequently as you would desire. If you would consider this, we could get together at a future date to discuss details, cost and anything else which may be pertinent. It would be my hope that we might be able to institute such as program later this year, or on January 1, 1967 at the latest.

I realize quite frankly that this letter perhaps should be written officially to Trudeau asking for help, but Len I would prefer to write to you because I would hope that you would do the work and whether it is done through Trudeau, the Saranac Lab, or whatever organization is involved makes no difference to me as long as you are the one to give us reports. Would you please give this some thought and when you have time send me your answer? If it is in the affirmative, then I would like very much to have an excuse to spend a day or two with you in the beautiful surroundings at Saranac. Please remember me to all the family.

Sincerely,

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