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October 18, 1956

K. J. Whalen

Stockton Plant Medical Department

This will confirm our recent telephone conversation. I have recommended the installation of an x-ray machine in this plant for the following reasons:

Because we shall use two potentially toxic dusts, silica and asbestos, it will be necessary to have pre-employment and annual x-ray on [redacted] for all personnel. It would cost us approximately $18.00 per film to have the x-rays taken in one of the local hospitals. In addition to this there would be a considerable amount of time spent in transporting the men from our plant to the hospital for their x-rays. The actual cost of each film taken in our own Medical Department will vary from $3.00 to $3.25. In addition, there will be only a minimum amount of time away from the job. I have not included the x-ray technician's salary in this consideration for this work will be done by the girls who are already now being established on the payroll. In my opinion we should be able to justify the expenditure this year, especially when we consider the difference in cost of films, the time off the job, and the fact that we shall take x-rays of everyone in the plant each year, plus a considerable number of examinations to account for those who are rejected at pre-employment physical examinations and the annual labor turnover.

I have recommended that some degree of sound proofing be provided in the examination room. I understand that the estimated cost of this is $1,000. I believe that this is reasonably economical looking to a necessary part of our health program in California and a pre-fabricated booth would cost approximately $1500 f.o.b. Chicago.

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