PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

September 12, 1940

Dr. A. J. Lanza,
Industrial Health Section,
METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE CO.
No. 1 Madison Avenue,
New York City.

Re: Louis Bellomo, Employee

Dear Dr. Lanza:

I am writing you concerning Mr. Louis Bellomo, who has been an employee of ours for 15 yrs. I am sending you the X-ray films under separate cover, and therefore felt that I should write you something concerning his history. His chief complaints are weakness, cough, and shortness of breath of one month's duration.

Family History:- Father dead - cause unknown - age 73. Mother dead - cause unknown - age 60 One brother living and well and one sister living and well. Has had several brothers and sisters who died in infancy.

Past Medical History:- No serious illness, operations or injuries.

Past Occupations:-He worked in the sulphur mines in Italy for 3 yrs. from the age of 13 to 16. He also worked in the Anthracite Mines in Pittston, Pa. for 4½ years as a mule driver. Was in the army in Italy for the duration of the war and then returned to this country.

Present Illness:-Felt fine until one month ago and then began feeling weak. He went to his physician, who gave him medicine but he has become progressively worse.

Respiratory System - He coughs and expectorates white material, but the cough is not very productive. No hemoptysis and no weight loss. Rather marked dyspnea. Pain in right lower chest. Has had some hoarseness for the past 6 months.

Cardio-Vascular System - No Edema or pre-cordial pain. Marked dyspnea.

Gastro-Intestinal System- Appetite poor. No constipation or diarrhoea, no nausea or vomiting, no flatus or belching. No tarry or bloody stools.

Genital-Urinary System - No Nocturia, Dysuria or Hematuria.

Physical Examination - Weight - 141 lbs.-In 1932, he weighed 144 lbs. - no marked change. Wasserman and Urine negative in May, 1939.
Eyes - Pupils equal but reacting sluggishly. Ears - normal. Nose - no obstructions. Teeth - dirty and recession of gums with infection.
Throat - normal - does not include inspection of the larynx.
Lungs - respirations shallow and 32 per minute. No assymetry. Percussion resonant. Some rales at the bases. Abdomen - No masses, tenderness or rigidity. Has right inguinal hernia.

Impression - Pneumoconiosis of unknown etiology; Pyorrhea; Right Inguinal Hernia. Has had no exposure to Asbestos dust in any of his occupetions while working for Johns-Manville according to the Personnel Dept.

Very truly yours,
JOHNS-MANVILLE CORP.
Lewis C. Fritts, Medical Dept.

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