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Dr. Lewis C. Fritts, Medical Director,
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Dear Dr. Fritts:

I am sorry to be so slow in answering your letter of September 12 but I have been out of the city at a medical meeting in Virginia. I am sorry also that Dr. McConnell is away so I cannot give you his opinion in addition to my own.

I must say that this film looks to me like a case of asbestosis. He may have and probably has got other things the matter with him. With haziness in the mid-lower part of each lung, with evidence of other pathology scattered throughout both lungs and a history of dyspnea, not otherwise accounted for in an individual who has worked in asbestos for fifteen years, comes pretty near making a diagnosis. I note what you say about having had no exposure to asbestos dust but maybe this statement is not completely accurate.

I would appreciate having any further information if you finally arrive at a definite diagnosis one way or the other.

With best wishes and best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

A. J. Lanza, M.D.
Assistant Medical Director