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cc: R. C. Smith, Waukegan

As Mr. Sheckler may have told you, there has developed a back log of placing "Red Slip" cases on dust free jobs and approval for me to notify these employees of their condition. This constitutes 24 cases, the majority of which were diagnosed during your July and August visitations.

In joint conferences during Mr. Sheckler's trip here it was determined that some special program be set up to clear up these outstanding cases, it being my concern that many of these employees would be coming up for their annual examination and yet not advised of the findings from the previous examination.

A list of these has been prepared and presented to the Plant Managers by Bob Smith with the intent that they be placed and notified by me at least by the time of their forthcoming annual examination.

During review of these cases it was determined by Gene Greene that the Industrial Hygiene Division had a list of employees designated as "P_1" by you on a special survey last year. There were no red slips initiated, and no notations in the X-Ray or clinical records to confirm this. In order to clarify the actual number of cases I would need to notify, I reviewed all of these films. Of the 19 so listed, I designated only two as diagnostically pneumoconiosis and initiated formal red slips on these. One appeared as a diagnostic problem of pneumoconiosis or tuberculosis and the remainder as P_3 with need for close observation of their progress.

My assumption, which I wish you to clarify, was that this special list prepared for Mr. Hom Gray was a projection of the department's potential liability since no entries were made in the employee records.

Bob Smith is preparing a work history on these 19 cases and, when completed, I will forward it, together with the X-Rays and my impression of each case. Since you prepared the survey for Hom Gray he has requested that you verify the present status of these men, and it will certainly be of help to me to clarify their status.

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