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Mr. Timothy M. Donohue
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Re: James M. Lynch

Dear Tim:

Ed Gervais forwarded a copy of your letter of March 5, to him for my review.

Your recollection of the concept that in asbestosis progression ceases with the cessation of exposure is correct. Our clinical experience and that of a number of other companies certainly indicates that this is characteristic of asbestosis.

However, we recognize that there are others who hold to a different conviction and it is, therefore, not altogether surprising that Dr. Welch commented as he did. His comment that "the progression may be very slow and take many years" is not too far away from our position and does differentiate the nature of progression in asbestosis from the more rapid progression and relationship to infection to be anticipated in advanced silicosis.

With personal regards.

Sincerely,

H. M. Jackson, Manager
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cc: E. A. Gervais, Nashua
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