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At the request of Mr. H. J. O'Brien, I am submitting the following comments with regard to the proposed Cardio-Pulmonary Function Laboratory at the Middlesex Hospital, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

There is a growing appreciation throughout the medical profession, particularly among those specializing in lung and heart disease, of the need for a more accurate appraisal of the functions of the lung and heart. Newer and more accurate methods are now available to perform these tests, but the highly specialized laboratory and personnel required, are only available at present, in large institutions, teaching univeraities, and until recently, at the Trudeau Sanatorium.

The Medical Department at Manville has placed great value on obtaining cardio-pulmonary measurements to aid us in evaluating any loss of physiological function producing functional disability in industrial pulmonary disease cases. During the past 5 years, we had occasion to send at least 13 claim cases to the Cardio-Pulmonary Laboratory at Columbia University and one case to the Univeraity of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

I believe the need for the performance of these tests will be increased in the near future and the importance of having an additional facility competent to carry out these tests to a satisfactory degree in the State of New Jersey and located in New Brunswick, cannot be over-emphasized.

A cardio-pulmonary laboratory, properly equipped and organized, would - in addition - be of invaluable help to our employees working in Somerville, Middlesex, and Union Counties, particularly to aid in the early detection of congenital heart disease, rheumatic heart disease, tuberculosis, and cancer of the lung, conditions which are amenable to surgery and whose careful pre-operative evaluation by a cardio-pulmonary laboratory is now accepted in most scientific institutions, as highly desirable.

Finally, the propoaed new facility will benefit Johns-Manville by having available in its area an alternate facility conveniently located in New Jersey and contributing a scientific laboratory capable of performing research on heart and lung patients, thus enabling our working population and their families to receive the best that medicine and surgery can supply.

I urge your whole-hearted support for this worthwhile project.

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