General Headquarters
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H. J. O'Brien

Contribution
Cardio-Respiratory Laboratory
Middlesex General Hospital

We asked Jack Syme to pass on whether or not this request qualifies for a contribution from the Johns-Manville Fund.

Attached are three comments that he had to make on this subject. In the light of these comments, would you see what you can do to obtain an acceptable answer to each and make your recommendations as to the amount of the commitment on a one-year basis.

George M. Wilson

Attachment

4/24/57

Jan O'Connor

Cardio-Pulmonary Laboratory

1. I understand that we were one of the originators of the idea for such a laboratory and that Dr Kenneth Smith has been in on the matter from the start.

Dr Smith has also advised GPH and local management of our potential future responsibility. I believe our joint annual audits of doctors' compensation awards if passed one that it is on a basis for long term stability.

2. I know nothing more than we have discussed and what I reported to you in a recent memo. The value of our new materials is quite different than that used by surrounding asbestos factories and cities in particular.

3. This is a fact-finding device.