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Mr. John F. McMahon
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Dear John:

Thank you for your letter of May 17th, with which you enclosed an excerpt from an article on occupational cancer by Dr. May R. Mayers of the New York State Department of Labor.

We are aware of the existence of the report of the Chief Inspector of Factories in England and of several statements that have been appearing recently which list asbestos dust as a suspected carcinogenic agent. Our own experience lends no confirmation to this theory, although we are naturally very much concerned and are contemplating animal experimentation for the purpose of testing the theory.

Our consultations with Drs. Lanza and Farrell have elicited opinions which can best be characterized as Scotch verdicts, that is "not proven".

Thanking you again for your interest, and with best personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

Vandiver Brown,
Secretary

cc J. P. Goddard
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