August 15, 1952

H. M. Jackson

Occupational Disease Claim
Herbert Miller 991-18087
Your Letter of August 14

Being informed as you were by copy of Mr. Hall's letter of August 5, the earlier details of this case are as follows.

This employee worked for Research in "A-1" Bldg. and his first complaint was made when he was exposed to the handling of San-o-cel, a silica jell product manufactured by Montsanto Chemical Co.

Communication with the Montsanto Chemical Co. brought information from Dr. Emmett Kelly, Montsanto's medical director, that a ten year study of their employees revealed no evidence of any respiratory ailment.

Herbert Miller was examined by Dr. DuBow and was removed from the exposure causing his complaints but not because he was found to be suffering from any occupational disease.

Later Mr. Miller applied for six months leave of absence and presented as his reason his family doctor's suggestion that he get away from dust because of a bronchial condition and take a rest.

About the time Mr. Miller requested a leave of absence he came to my office and asked if his case could be covered by Health and Accident insurance and I referred him to Mr. Lou Tomsa who prepared a form for his family doctor's signature. Upon receipt of returned form the doctor indicated that Mr. Miller was able to work and therefore Mr. Tomsa could see no reason for paying Health and Accident insurance and turned the case over to Travelers Insurance Co. for investigation.

In conversation with Mr. Tomsa this morning I learned that he had not received a report from Traveler's investigation.

I believe this man sought legal advice because he was not being paid Health & Accident insurance and sought to make a claim based on his opinion that he had contracted an occupational disease.

On August 14 I replied to Mr. Hall's letter and a copy of that letter is enclosed.

I have not furnished you with dates of complaints, transfer, or period of absence but if you feel you need any further information I will comply with your request.

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