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There has been a tremendous increase in the number of carcinoma in Indiana, Australia during the past year which deal with the subject of occupational cancer. Many cases of the lack of papers of occupational or environmental cancer in industry. There seems to be knowledge enough that asbestos [illegible] to cancer lung cancer, but considering the short time asbestos [illegible] exposed to the processing, and knowing possibly similar times exposure, I do not think conclusions can [illegible].

I have been unable to find any evidence of lung cancer among our employees. The local practitioners and the local Public Health Unit [illegible] of course, but this is an important because the diagnosis of malignancy [illegible] made outside a hospital or a medical clinic such as we operate here. Personally we [illegible] cases of pulmonary cancer, three probably are not due to such exposure, but they [illegible] which cause [illegible] unusual circumstances and which appear to [illegible] such as our limited knowledge of the subject.

I strongly recommend that we should endeavor to learn more about the relationship of asbestos and pulmonary cancer, if we are to defend suggestions to the compensation agency to such have proof. Today the evidence [illegible] very strong, although I believe that a satisfactory analysis of [illegible] would establish evidence more conclusive to you. I believe that we should discuss this matter at a [illegible] meeting and of asking on the subject by personnel would recommend that the [illegible] Board and the Johns Laboratory in Syracuse take to establish a suggested plan of study and outline for our consideration.

Dr. Dreyer and I agree on this subject and he is corresponding to his Engineers to [illegible] the consideration of asbestos and help from Johns Hopkins.

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