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Dr. R. H. Stevenson
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Denville, Quebec.

Dear Dr. Stevenson:

Some weeks ago I wrote Mr. Asbourin that I had had the opportunity of reviewing a lot of asbestosis films with Dr. Vestal of the North Carolina State Department of Health. As you know they have plenty of real and severe disease in the fabricating plants of his state and I was much impressed with his knowledge of the conditions. I told him about what was <u>not</u> seen in your employees in Quebec and asked him whether he would be willing, if the opportunity presented itself, to come up to your country with me and look over your material.

I think it might be a distinct advantage for you to have the confirmation of a man of his experience in this field and I personally would profit by a chance to compare your films with those that I have been seeing recently. I would appreciate an invitation to pay you a visit. There is nothing official about this whole performance. My own concern at the present moment is based on the fact that I am getting ready to write up the whole asbestosis story and among other things I want to contrast the negative findings in the Canadian mills with the positive ones in the American spinning and weaving plants. While I am pretty sure of my ground I would likete have the confirmation of a expert like Dr. Vestal before sticking My neck out too far.

If you could conveniently ask us to come and there is no objection from Mr. Sherry and Management, it would be deeply appreciated.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours.

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Director