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Lompoc Plant
Dec. 31, 1948.

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Carl A. Whipple-Deceased
Your letter December 20 1948

It has been our understanding that we would attempt to have an autopsy performed upon the death of any employee with three or more years service, regardless of the degree of dust exposure. The reason for this was to obtain factual information. This was stressed by Dr. Gardner when he was here several years ago. It was his definite recommendation that a program of followup study, examination of the lung tissue etc.,be made at Saranac, over a period of years, since this information should be helpful in correlation of all information on this subject.

In the case of Mr. Whipple, Dr. Anderson was carrying out this understanding with no intent to cause any difficulty.

We understand, from Dr. Anderson, that Mr. Whipple did not have a normal chest. It was classified as P-2 and changes had been noted during the last several years. However, Mr. Whipple's exposure to dust was rather limited.

He was employed March 17, 1933 as a drierman (Natural driers). He worked on various jobs at Brick Plant as a laborer, transfer-man, controlman and drierman until Aug. 17, 1942 when he was promoted to Foreman-Controlman Brick Plant. From Feb. 7, 1944 until June 16, 1944 he was Foreman-Controlman at the Powder Mills.. He was then transferred back to the Brick Plant as Foreman-Controlman, until his death on Dec. 9, 1948.

You have received a copy of Dr. Anderson's letter of Dec. 21, 1948 to Dr. A.J. Verwald, with additional information on an operation for varicose veins and subsequent difficulties.

For your information the following is shown on the Death Certificate for Mr. Whipple, dated Dec. 10, 1948, signed by Dr. L.E. Heiges Jr. who performed the autopsy.

	Duration
Immediate cause of death - Acute Myocardial Failure	2 min.
Due to - Pulmonary Fibrosis	6 mos.
Due to - Pulmonary Embolism	6 mos.
Other conditions - Pneumoconiosis	1 year +

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