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Mr. Edward [illegible] Ames
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Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corporation
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Dear Mr. Ames:

Mr. Albert Baumgardner of Holland, Ohio, has been a patient of mine for many years. He is approximately 55 years old, and during most of his adult life he has been a pipe coverer handling magnesia, asbestos and mineral wool products on industrial insulation jobs in and about Toledo.

During August 1944 he was under my care, and I hospitalized him in Mercy Hospital, Toledo. He was suffering from asbestosis, a condition that results from exposure to asbestos dust. The disease is a well recognized form of lung pathology that manifests itself in a diminution of lung capacity resulting in dyspnoea, or shortness of breath. This diagnosis is made through the use of X-rays, which were forwarded to me from an Akron hospital where Mr. Baumgardner had been treated some time before. His condition was complicated by a heart ailment which led me to advise him to leave his trade and seek work that was sedentary in nature so that he would not exert himself in such a manner that his heart would be [illegible] strained.

In my opinion his lung condition was not the result of exposure to Fiberglas materials, which he had been handling for a relatively short time before he left his trade. It is to be explained, rather, by his exposure to asbestos dust over a long period of years.

It is well established by the work of Dr. Leroy U. Gardner at Saranac and others that exposure to glass fibers involves no hazard to the lungs.

Yours very truly,

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