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H. M. Ball

Asbestosis and Lung Cancer

I am attaching a few reprints of my article as requested by Mr. Barley. In addition, I am sending you a reprint of a very recent article, additional copies of which could be obtained from the Industrial Hygiene Foundation. You will recognize that the latter reprint is the result of our C.A.M.A. study and, in my opinion, this is an excellent reference.

Mr. Barley has asked if I would express an opinion concerning the connection between asbestosis and lung cancer. Presumably he might use this in his trial proceedings. If he did this, I think that my word would be considered from a prejudiced point of view because of my employment. However, for his information I can say that we have seen no increase in our J-M asbestos workers over the incidence in those not exposed to the fibre. If Mr. Barley desires to have an expert witness, I would like to suggest Dr. Arthur J. Vorwald, Director of Department of Occupational Medicine and Hygiene, College of Medicine, Wayne University, Detroit, Michigan. Dr. Vorwald is a well recognized pathologist and has had considerable experience with pulmonary diseases in all forms, especially when he was at the Saranac Laboratory.

I hope you will keep us informed if you hear more about this case. Mr. Barley's letter is returned for your files.

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