December 29th, 1942.

William J. Fehnel, Esq.,
C/o Hygiene Division,
Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.,
1 Madison Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Bill:-

I am enclosing herewith a letter which I have written to Dr. Lanza, and would like you to read, and knowing that he is now in the service of his Country [illegible] if you would do me the favor to forward it to him, and what I have said in that letter about the valuable services he has rendered I can also say with absolute sincerity that the services which you have rendered in helping us out of these cases in the past have been equally as valuable, and you have made a great many personal sacrifices to be present to testify and assist us. Personally I do not see how a man who is gaining in weight and working at the kind of job he has at the Navy Yard, down in the holds of ships, can be suffering from Asbestosis, though Dr. Smith in the letter he wrote to Mr. Mitchell said he was disabled as a result of the disease he had.

With my best regards,

Very sincerely yours,

P.S. I presume that you will receive this letter by about 12 or 1 o'clock tomorrow. I will telephone you at the office of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company at about 3 o'clock.

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December 29th, 1942.

Dr. A. J. Lanza,
Assistant Medical Director,
Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.,
1 Madison Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Lanza:-

We may possibly have another suit based on alleged Asbestosis by one E. T. Hill, who worked with us for a good many years, and who was treated by Dr. Hild for pleurisy, and who only received during the time he worked with us sick benefits amounting to a little less than $10.00, and left our employ to take a very arduous position with the Navy Yard at Charleston, where he is still employed. However, Dr. H. A. Smith, whom I consider to be a crank on the subject of Asbestosis, for as soon as he finds out that any one has worked for the Asbestos Company, he puts him down as suffering from a case of Asbestosis, has not only told us that this party has Asbestosis, from which he will die, but he told the party himself that he was suffering from Asbestosis.

A picture of this man's chest was taken by Dr. Taft in September, 1941, and another in November, 1942, and Taft's report gives no indication of any condition due to his employment. However, we are getting Dr. Taft to send his plates on to Dr. Fennecast, to whom you doubtless will remember you referred us to some years ago, so as to get another reading and interpretation of these plates and in as much as this claim may wind up in the Courts, I am writing you with the hopes that you may be able to render us that assistance which has been so invaluable to us in the past.

With my regards,

Very sincerely yours,

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