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Mr. Vandiver Brown,
Secretary,
Johns-Manville Corporation,
Twenty-Two East Fortieth Street,
New York 16, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Brown:

I appreciate your letter of September 10th which confirms my impression that you have been after this report most consistently. It has been a long time coming and I realize there must be a lot of work involved as so much is being done by these asbestosis cases that have been developed and handled with success by the opposition because there has been no substantial evidence presented to refute their claims, and unless we do something about it these little cases will breed like rabbits and they may grow as big as hares.

I wonder if there is a question of compensation involved in getting this report through, and I wonder if some of your own company scientists, or some of the other larger companies, could not give assistance of great value. I am thinking, and I am sure you, too, remember that Dr. Gardner was bringing into this report some question of cancer, although it seemed to me it was just a conjecture and that nothing had developed that would justify such consideration at the time. I hope this will be stricken from the report, and I thought that if you and some people, or perhaps if Raybestos had, or both, the report could accentuate those facts that are most pertinent and have been proven, and others that do not apply particularly to our industry might be deleted making the report somewhat shorter than it would be otherwise.

There is nothing I can offer that would be helpful other than to say we would pay our share of any additional expense involved that might be necessary to finish the job or to speed it up.

I do appreciate the time you have given this matter and of the courtesy you have shown me whenever I have made inquiry.

With best personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,
GATKE CORPORATION

Thomas L. Gatke

President

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