December 15, 1944.

Mr. Ernest Muehleck,
President,
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Ambler, Penna.

Harder Lab. Exhibits

Dear Mr. Muehleck:

Promptly after receipt of yours of November 27th I sent a copy to Dr. Gardner and asked him what I should tell you. He was away from Saranac Lake at the time and I am just now in receipt of a letter from him, from which I quote the following paragraph:

> "I shall have to ask you to inform Mr. Muehleck of Keasby & Mattison Company that I still find myself unable to prepare the promised monograph on asbestosis. The demands upon my time are too great to permit me the luxury of writing. I am still without two key assistants and can only attempt to keep up with the current work. In the meantime, however, we are still doing a considerable amount of experimentation on asbestosis and I believe that the delay in the long run will prove profitable."

I know personally that the demands on his time are terrific and that he is shorthanded. As a matter of fact, we are endeavoring to secure his assistance on a problem we face in Southern California where diatomaceous earth is involved. We wanted him for a week during January but the earliest he could promise was "perhaps in March". I am confident, however, of his good intentions and belisve we will eventually see the results of his experiments in writing.

With kind personal regards and best wishes for a happy Christmas season, I am

Sincerely,

Vandiver Brown,
Secretary.

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