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Mr. H. B. Meller, Managing Director,
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Dear Harry:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of yours of September 29, 1936 enclosing copy of revised report of the Preventive Engineering Committee.

My answer to your question is "Yes". The report and the book in combination should prove of great value to the members of the Foundation and will be impressive and tangible evidence of what the Foundation is doing.

I also want to acknowledge receipt of yours of September 23rd enclosing a draft of your paper for the National Safety Congress. I am extremely sorry I did not read this draft prior to September 30th as you requested; however, if I had done so, I do not believe I would have been able to contribute much of value. It strikes me that you have done an extremely good job and I am confident the paper will be well received. The paragraph dealing with "Asbestosis" states that "studies made of silicates have shown that the inhalation of a sufficient amount of asbestos dust causes a serious type of fibrosis, which is not accompanied by an unduly high incidence of tuberculosis". In view of all the circumstances, I would have preferred that you use the phrase "a distinctive type of fibrosis" since asbestos dust - when compared with silica dust - presents a much less "serious" hazard. However, the point is a small one and you have probably given the devil his due in the concluding clause of your statement.

At the present moment it appears very likely that I shall not be able to attend either the October 12th or October 19th meeting in Pittsburgh. I am afraid that I shall

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have to be in Chicago on both of those dates. If I can avoid the necessaity of being in Chicago Friday and Saturday of this week I may be able to attend the Monday meeting on my way to Chicago but, unless you hear from me by the end of the week, I believe you had better count me out.

With very best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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