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Returned herewith is Dr. Vorwald's proposal of October 6 entitled 'Powdered Aluminum Hydroxide in Diatomaceous Earth Pneumoconiosis'.

I have only the following comments:

1. The proposal suggests a sub-experiment with 'cancer-bearing mice' to determine any possible relationship between diatomaceous earth pneumoconiosis and pulmonary cancer. If these mice would be either (a) those already afflicted with cancer or (b) the type referred to in one of Dr. Gardner's interim reports on silicosis that have had a predisposition to cancer, I fail to see how the experiments would produce any valid results.

2. It is noted that before publication of any of the results, we would apply have an opportunity to 'review' the manuscript. [redacted] is a far cry from the commitment Dr. [redacted] originally made that nothing would be published [redacted] our consent. However, as a practical matter, Dr. Gardner's understanding proved instructive because he let the matter [redacted] out at symposia or as paragraphs of discussion in articles dealing with the general subject of pneumoconiosis.

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