cc also in "Parsons"

September 24, 1942.

Mr. John F. McMahon,
Managing Director,
Industrial Hygiene Foundation of America, Inc.,
4400 Fifth Avenue,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mac:

I have received yours of September 16th, giving further details concerning the report of Mr. Mallette, made following his trip to Parsons, where he was negotiating for a position as Industrial Hygienist at the Kansas Ordnance Plant.

I have discussed this with our Director of Industrial and Public Relations and we are unable to explain how Mr. Mallette could have obtained the impression he did. I have an idea it may be accounted for by the fact Mr. Mallette was at Parsons prior to the time the plant was ready for full operation and the complete staff engaged. At the present time we have eight doctors in our employ and one of them was the chief physician at a similar plant during the last war. Moreover, all practices and procedures are followed which are in use at the permanent United States Ordnance Plant where similar materials are handled. Such being the case, we feel confident that everything is being done that could be done, since it is to be assumed the Army is advised by and complies with the regulations established by the Surgeon General and the Bureau of Public Health.

In any event we greatly appreciate your kindness in calling this matter to our attention and, should the occasion arise when we feel there is a real need for a survey, you may be sure the Foundation will have the first crack at it.

Your other letter concerning alleged infections attributable to the handling of wet asbestos shingles is — as the saying goes — being processed, and you may expect

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to hear from me further. However, in my humble and unprofessional opinion, it sounds like a mare's nest.

Hope everything is working out well and that you are enjoying your new position and title. Please remember me to Harry and tell him that I hope he is bouncing back to health now that some of his burdens have been removed.

Sincerely yours,

Vandiver Brown.
Secretary.

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