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Subject: OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE INFORMATION - MANVILLE PLANT

SOME TIME AGO I DISCUSSED THE DATA CONTAINED ON THE ATTACHED SHEET WITH YOU. THIS IS A LIST OF ALL THE PNEUMOCONIOSIS CASES AT THE MANVILLE/FINDERNE COMPLEX.

THE FIRST COLUMN INDICATES THE DATE OF DIAGNOSIS. THE SECOND COLUMN DESIGNATES THE NUMBER OF CASES DIAGNOSED IN THAT PARTICULAR YEAR. THE THIRD COLUMN INDICATES LENGTHS OF SERVICE IN YEARS. IN OTHER WORDS, IN 1932, FOUR CASES OF PNEUMOCONIOSIS WERE DIAGNOSED. THREE OF THOSE FOUR CASES HAD 12 YEARS' EXPERIENCE. ONE HAD 15 YEARS' EXPERIENCE. IN 1943, THREE CASES WERE IDENTIFIED-- ONE CASE WITH ONLY TWO YEARS OF EXPOSURE, THE SECOND WITH 14 YEARS OF EXPOSURE, AND THE THIRD WITH 27 YEARS OF EXPOSURE. AS YOU CAN SEE, MANY OF THE EMPLOYEES IN THOSE EARLY YEARS HAD VERY FEW YEARS OF EXPOSURE BEFORE THEY CONTRACTED SOME DEGREE OF PNEUMOCONIOSIS.

AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE IN THE YEAR 1971, SIX CASES WERE IDENTIFIED. IN 1972, NO CASES WERE IDENTIFIED. IN 1973, ONLY TWO CASES WERE IDENTIFIED. IN 1974, TEN CASES WERE IDENTIFIED. THERE ARE MANY CONCLUSIONS THAT COULD BE DRAWN FROM THIS DATA. THERE ARE MANY EXTRAPOLATIONS THAT COULD BE MADE FROM THIS DATA.

AS YOU MAY KNOW, WE ARE CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN A VERY MASSIVE STUDY OF OUR MANVILLE POPULATION TO FURTHER OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE ASBESTOS-RELATED DISEASE QUESTION. THIS STUDY IS BEING CONDUCTED UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF DR. JERRY CHASE WITH ON-LOCATION ASSISTANCE OF CLIFF SHECKLER. BECAUSE OF THE SIZE THE STUDY, WE WILL NOT HAVE THE COMPLETED RESULTS FOR APPROXIMATELY THREE TO FOUR YEARS. HOWEVER, MANY ANSWERS SHOULD BE FORTHCOMING AT THAT TIME.

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