General Headquarters
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Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corp.
Stonefelt Inquiry.

The letter of September 6, 1940 would be inappropriate as an answer to Consolidated's inquiry since it relates primarily to silicosis. The one of January 28, 1944 to Continental Can can be adapted for use as a reply if you insert the following in substitution for the first two paragraphs:

Vandiver Rolf

"We have received your inquiry as to whether handlers of Stonefelt will be exposed to a dermatitis hazard. In answer, we wish to advise that some, but not all, people - when they first engage in work which requires the handling of this and other mineral wool insulations - sometimes develop a slight irritation or rash. This reaction is most noticeable during the summer months when men are working under conditions that cause them to perspire freely. We question whether the reaction is sufficiently severe to warrant the designation "dermatitis".

Moreover, it is our experience that an immunity speedily develops and that the workmen are no longer bothered after a week or two of exposure. The degree of irritation etc etc "

If the foregoing is not clear in any respect, please advise.

Vandiver Brown.

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