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Dear Guy:

Thanks for your efforts to confirm the story about the Patterson, New Jersey, plant. I think this is extremely important, and I am holding a place in my manuscript for some kind of confirmation.

Regarding the AIA project, we will discontinue our work on the "other cancers" as agreed per your letter of March 18, 1977. I have made some rough estimates on what it will take to complete the cancer, mesothelioma, and asbestosis work. For lung cancer--mesothelioma, we now have about 180 abstracts. I estimate that we will eventually have about the same number for asbestosis. To date, however, we only have about 30 completed so we have roughly about 120 to go. I would estimate the additional work by Nancy Sussman and Gary Marsh at about 120 hours for abstracting new papers on asbestosis and about 90 hours going back over our lung cancer--mesothelioma papers. The latter, of course, deals almost entirely with asbestosis cases who subsequently developed cancer. Thus, I would estimate at least 210 hours work just to finish the abstract part of this work. This includes a great amount of proof-reading and verification since the "books" we produce will, I hope, be published in some form.

In your letter of March 18, you indicate that "changes in the perception of dust levels required to produce disease are being studied with regard to asbestosis." We are not looking at this specifically, although I recall you mentioned this in our last phone conversation. To date, our review has been directed simply at the question of when did we know that various trade or occupational groups were at risk. Actually, except for the Boston shipyard paper I mentioned, there is very little on this.

On the status of the "other cancers" project, this is about half completed and was not done in any systematic fashion. That is, the literature was not covered for any particular time period. Other cancers

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are, of course, in much of the lung cancer--mesothelioma literature. However, we have not abstracted or highlighted that portion of the literature. I think someday you may want to finish this since the subject is sure to become important in the future.

Best Regards,

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