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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

In reference to my earlier proposal that we tighten our health procedures in the S & C Division, I have suggested to N.I.M.A. that we [illegible] a method of obtaining chest x-rays of workmen in the [illegible] insulation field. This has always been considered impossible because of the number of transient workers, the [illegible] each job [illegible]

I think it can be done providing the expense is warranted ... the current health situation would seem to justify the cost.

My suggestion is that we obtain chest x-rays of insulation workers whenever it can be done. This would be accomplished through such organizations as the National Insulation Manufacturers Association and the Insulation Distributors-Contractors National Association and not by manufacturers and contractors. In time, the program would be established as a condition of employment in the field. A central record system would be established.

Its advantages:

1. Indicate the interest of the employer in his workmen.

2. Duplicate some of the work of Dr. Selikoff and provide a double check of the statistics that he will eventually release.

3. Establish our own, accurate diagnoses of lung problems. Dr. Selikoff has already shown that he sees in x-rays what he wants to see.

4. Give employers an opportunity of disputing and contesting incorrect diagnoses which are directed into workmen's compensation claims and sometimes litigation.

We will also suggest that employers question any diagnosed lung diseases of insulation workers.

It will take a period of several years to get chest x-rays of a sizable portion of the insulation workers and I am not suggesting that it be made an immediate condition of employment. I am convinced that the plan will work and that it will eventually lower costs.

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