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Dear Allison:

Enclosed is a copy of a 1966 paper by Bautista and Lobdell concerning asbestos bodies in Bridgeport residents.

As you will note, the paper contains a reference to an unpublished verbal report by Dr. Joseph Shea of 14 Bridgeport area cases of pleural mesothelioma. Several months ago it was reported to me by our plant physician at Stratford, which is adjacent to Bridgeport, that the number of cases had risen to 27. We are trying to get an up-to-date report.

Two individuals in the Connecticut State Department of Environmental Protection have proposed extremely strict regulations for asbestos emissions. A statewide air sampling program is in process now. Their samples are being taken at highway toll booths and in the vicinity of asbestos plants. The rationale supporting the proposal states that 133 Connecticut residents have died of mesothelioma since 1935. We don't know how this information was developed and are trying to find out.

Sincerely,

Enclosure

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