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EXECUTIVE OFFICES

September 29, 1937.

Mr. S. Simpson,
President,
Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.,
Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Simpson:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your interesting letter of September 27th.

I have heard nothing from Dr. Gardner concerning his experience with the asbestos sample sent him by the Harvard College Laboratory which, upon injection, caused immediate death of the experimental animals. I agree with you that this sounds strange. The sample in question must have come from Russia, which I am sure you will agree exports poison in a variety of forms. Anyhow, I trust it wasn't from Canada.

In regard to the copy of your letter from Dr. Hyde, referring to the work being done by certain people with aluminum dust as a counter-agent to free silica, I believe you will be interested in knowing that these experiments were conducted by two Canadian doctors and a metallurgical engineer. A preliminary report on the subject was presented before the Academy of Medicine at Toronto on June 15, 1937 and printed in the Canadian Medical Association Journal. If you or anyone in your company is interested, you can obtain a reprint of this report from Air Hygiene Foundation. In fact, I am surprised you have not already received one, since obviously news of this character must be welcome to the eminent industrial sponsors of Mellon Institute.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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General Attorney.

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