RAYBESTOS-MANHATTAN, INC.

Passaic, New Jersey.

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

My dear Mr. Simpson:

Some time ago when Zimmerman was here we talked about medicinal examinations and factory conditions, especially dust conditions. He (Zimmerman) thought it might be a good thing to have an examination made by outside authorities and get a report on the conditions of the different factories as they saw them; and then that we here in Passaic especially, through Dr. Keating, could keep record of a running series of inspections and dust counts in case of workmen's compensation or possible lawsuits.

I had Dr. Keating go in and see Dr. Lanza and Dr. McConnell of the Metropolitan Life Ins. Co. yesterday, and from the report Dr. Keating gives me, Dr. Lanza seems to be rather skeptical in regard to asbestosis creating as much trouble as we think. However, the lawsuits we are having brought against us from various points are bound to cause us more or less trouble and expense, and are what we should guard against and anticipate if we can.

I know Weber is very much worried about the situation in Manheim; and I understand from Jeffords that the case down there was pretty well cleaned up; and I believe you are threatened with some other cases in Bridgeport.

I should like to talk to you about this situation and see what you think we should, or should not, do, more as a matter of precaution than anything else.

Yours truly,

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