COPY

METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
Frederick H. Ecker, Chairman of the Board
Leroy A. Lincol, President

Anthony J. Lanza, M.D. NEW YORK CITY
Assistant Medical Director

April 29, 1938

Vandiver Brown, Esq.,
General Attorney,
Johns-Manville, Inc.
22 East 40th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Brown:

I read with much interest your letter of April 28 and Dr. Gardner's report. I had discussed this general subject with him and he told me it was his growing conviction that the action of asbestos dust was mechanical and not chemical. I am inclined to think this is the answer because it seems to satisfy the peculiar inconsistencies that we noted in our surveys, particularly the lack of any appreciable evidence of asbestosis in Thetford and the occasional case found in the textile plants, as well as the difference between our experience and that of the British.

It seems to me that all this is very much in favor of the industry because it enormously simplifies the question of the control and prevention of asbestosis.

I am returning the photographs. May I keep the report or do you wish that back also.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

(s) A. J. LANZA

A. J. Lanza, M.D.
Assistant Medical Director

F128909

00739

Published by AsbestosClaims.Law
asbestosclaims.law/library/13245/1