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Dear Mr. Simpson:

Thank you for allowing me to see the copy of Dr. Lynch's comments on my report.

I have also been curious about his cases of asbestosis. He has sent me sections from some of them which I have felt indicated a silicotic rather than an asbestotic type of fibrosis. I have always been suspicious that the men whom he has autopsied may have had some previous or coincident exposure to free silica, producing a nodular rather than a diffuse type of fibrosis.

I am of course sorry that he feels that our experiments have no practical bearing on whether there is such a thing as asbestosis. This is a matter of opinion and I trust that others may find the information which we shall furnish to be of more use.

Dr. Lynch comments on the findings as to the lack of progression. He fails to bear in mind that after a fibre becomes coated to produce an asbestosis body, the mechanical irritation is minimized. This might very well explain the failure of continued irritation.

I am well acquainted with the fact that Dr. Lynch has some very positive ideas but feel that I am justified in differing from him from time to time.

Sincerely yours,

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