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Mr. Vandiver Brown
Johns-Manville Corporation
22 E. 40th Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Brown:

Sorry that you are not going to be in Pittsburgh next week as I had hoped to see you.

I likewise have in mind that the asbestos experiments should be nearing completion and that you will be expecting a final report. It will take some time to summarize all the data amassed in a period of five years, but I think I can bring the matter up to date for your own information and that of the contributing companies.

We have not been able to discover why different species react as they do, nor enough about differences in tissues of these species to suggest a satisfactory explanation, although a very considerable amount of work has been done along this line. The tentative conclusion as to the inactivity of short fibre asbestos apparently stands. This probably is the most important conclusion we have to offer. I think we are also going to demonstrate quite definitely that asbestosis does not progress after cessation of exposure.

Obviously, it will take very considerable time after all our dust exposures are discontinued to autopsy, prepare microscopic sections and chemically analyse the tissues of all the animals now under observation. With your permission I plan to continue part of the exposure for a few months longer, until we have to turn over one of our dust rooms to another problem.

You may expect to hear from me more fully shortly after the first of the year.

With very best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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Leroy U. Gardner, M.D.
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