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

Dear Mr. Brown:

Thank you for your very kind letter. I, too, am sorry that I missed seeing you in Pittsburgh.

With reference to our work on asbestos I have had in mind to make you a report some time in the near future. As you know, the evidence from the fine asbestos is all of a negative nature but this in itself, I believe, is as important a contribution as we might make.

A year ago in September we started another experiment with the long fibre dust to serve as a control to that in which the same material had been ground. This new experiment has not gone long enough to exhibit any significant reactions in the animals' lungs. It is my intention to allow it to continue for at least another year during which time we hope to see significant changes developing and to follow them in roentgenograms, as proposed in the original experiment.

I shall cover these matters in more detail in a report that can be distributed to your member companies. I sincerely trust that they may feel disposed to extend their grant so that we may continue to carry on. We have been doing two experiments, instead of one as originally contemplated, during the past year. This has doubled the expense to the laboratory and tied up two of our dust rooms but we felt that it was sufficiently important to undertake.

You may expect to hear from me further at some time during the coming month.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Leroy U. Gardner

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