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To: Medical Advisory Panel
Mr. A. Sharon

AIA/20/1/23/HAS
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With Compliments

Re: Paper by John R. Goldsmith "Health Hazards of Asbestos: Charting a Path for Israel"
(sent to you on 14 May 1984) - herewith copy of comments by Dr. K. Browne.

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Memorandum to: Sir Neville Stack

From: Kevin Browne

Date: 3rd August, 1984

Subject: Worker Health Hazards from Asbestos - AIA/20/1/23/HAS

To answer the easy question first, I think Goldsmith is not intending to be understood as saying that all mesotheliomas are due to asbestos, which we know they are not. In this context I think he is implying that if a mesothelioma occurs in an asbestos-exposed worker (whose exposure was substantial and started at least 15 years ago) the odds are so high that it was due to asbestos exposure that it is not worth looking for any alternative.

The main question has no simple answer. A particular difficulty is that an asbestos worker's disability may have resulted from exposure to very high airborne asbestos dust levels 20 or more years ago, whereas his present work may involve exposure only to very low levels. Factors to be considered in addition are:

his age - is he capable of retraining or adapting to an alternative job?
his job - is he physically capable of continuing?
his alternative - is other employment available?
his mental state - would he be removed from a job he enjoys or is skilled at to one less pleasant or less challenging or satisfy:
his respiratory state - can he tolerate respiratory protection if this is necessary in the job?

In short, all aspects of his present job and prospects if this is taken from him must be balanced against the 'no dust' ideal.

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