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J. O. Eby, Jeffrey

U. S. Public Health Service Survey
Asbestos Workers

As you know, the U. S. Public Health Service has embarked on a long range program to study the health of asbestos workers in this country. As part of the program they have given a grant to the Industrial Hygiene Foundation to review the statistics which were compiled when the Foundation studied our records under the sponsorship of Q.A.M.A. in 1951-52. Attached is a copy of a letter I received from Dr. de Treville, asking for permission to use the data previously collected so that it may be incorporated in the U.S.P.H.S. present survey. As far as we are concerned I believe that we should grant them permission to use our C-J-M records. However, I cannot speak for Q.A.M.A. Would you please be good enough to direct this request to the appropriate person in Q.A.M.A. and, if agreeable, have them give their approval to the Industrial Hygiene Foundation?

I definitely recommend that this should be given because the previous survey had several loopholes. If existing data can be built into the present U.S.P.H.S. nation-wide survey, it could be very beneficial to our industry.

Kenneth W. Smith, M.D.

Attach.

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Dr. Robert T. P. de Treville
Industrial Hygiene Foundation of America
Mellon Institute, 4400 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15213

Re: U.S.P.H.S. Survey
Asbestos Workers

Dear Bob:

This will confirm our telphone conversation in which I indicated that as far as we are concerned the Foundation can use the Canadian Johns-Manville records as part of the restudy of Dan Braun's survey. However, as you well understand, I cannot speak for the Quebec Asbestos Mining Association. I have sent a copy of your letter requesting permission from Q.A.M.A. to our company officials at Asbestos, Quebec, and have asked that they approach the appropriate people in Q.A.M.A. to have them send their approval to you. I trust that this will be satisfactory for your needs. I expect to be in Asbestos on May 10 and 11, and will try to see that this permission is given immediately. In the meantime please let me know if there is anything else I can do to help.

Sincerely,

Kenneth W. Smith, M.D.
Medical Director