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Dear Mr. Porter,

Asbestosis and Lung Cancer

On 11th October Mr. Morling acknowledged your letter of 1st October with which you enclosed an abstract of a paper given by Drs. O'Donnell and Farn, of Lancaster General Hospital, on asbestos as a cause of lung cancer, together with an extract from Public Health Monograph No. 36 (1955) and a letter from Mr. Wm. E. Shoemaker.

We have read these papers with great interest and I have received comments from Dr. J. F. Knox, a copy of which I enclose.

Mr. Shoemaker's letter implies doubt about the disinterestedness of Dr. Wm. C. Hueper, who is of course a cancer specialist, but it seems to us that the Public Health Monograph (which was presumably written by him) is very fair in stating the views of those authorities who still doubt the relationship between asbestosis and lung cancer, as well as those who consider the connection to be established.

As I think you know, we at T.B.A. Co. Ltd. are satisfied that the incidence of lung cancer in long-service asbestosis workers is much higher than in the general population. Fortunately, as Dr. Knox says, there is evidence that the improvement in working conditions which we have achieved in the last 25 years has appreciably

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reduced the incidence of both diseases.]

We do not need a full copy of the Public Health Monograph, but we should be interested to receive a full copy of the O'Donnell/Fann paper, if it becomes available.

Yours sincerely,

[Handwritten signature]

T.B.A. No. 5525

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