

Memorandum

To: Shin Nihon Chisso
From: Dr. M. Howokaso
Minamata Disease Research Committee
Date: Sept. 22, 1958
Re: Investigation of Chisso Factory

Dear Mr. Chisso:

The Minamata Disease Research Committee was established from members of the Kumamoto University medical school in 1956 to solve the mystery of this disease. Despite intensive field research, there are still large voids in our knowledge.

We would like to request your cooperation in our investigation of this horrific disease by allowing us to research the waste effluent of the Chisso Factory. Our 1958 investigation will also include fish sampling and testing, water testing, research on the ammunition dump site, the agricultural discharge, and determining the chemical and biological inputs of the slaughterhouse into the bay.

Your cooperation in this investigation is imperative to ending this outbreak. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Dr. M. Howokaso

