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Mr. Wm. H. Baker, Personnel Manager

ABB - Winchester

Dear Bill:

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George Riley wrote to me on June 5, 1963 informing me that you had mentioned that the Liberty Mutual boys objected to the use of the Martindale Respirators in handling asbestos and asked for my comments. I replied on June 7th and asked George the type of Martindale Respirator which is used as it does make a difference. On June 10th his office suggested that I get in touch with you direct.

The commonly known Martindale Mask, that is the type with the aluminum face plate to which a cotton filter is clipped, is only approved for nuisance dusts and would not be acceptable for asbestos dust. The Martindale Electric Company also produces a Model Dupor #2A which has been approved by the Bureau of Mines and is acceptable, if this is the type you are using. If you are using a non-approved type I would suggest that you replace it with a lightweight respirator approved for use by the Bureau of Mines with dusts not more toxic than silica. The Mine Safety Dust Toy is one of the lightweight and economical units but one which [redacted] yet. These may be better accepted than the [redacted].

[redacted] give you any further information, please let me

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