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ASBESTOS IN PAINTS

On August 8, 1980 I received a call from Dr. Howard Israel/
Jefferson Hospital, Philadelphia (215) 923-7685.

Dr. Israel mentioned that one of his patients, Mr. Bernard
Davis, has a pleural disease due to asbestos inhalation.

Apparently Mr. Davis worked 30 years ago in a shipyard and
was exposed to asbestos.

Currently, Mr. Davis owns an auto repair shop and supposedly
he has been exposed to asbestos through brake linings work. He also
has been exposed to dust from fillers and paint.

Dr. Israel wanted to know the amount of asbestos in our paints,
because according to a british investigation "all paints have around
4% asbestos".

I mentioned to Dr. Israel that I was not aware of any asbestos
content in our current paints. He gave me information about the british
publication (1), which finally I have obtained.

Please inform people in your department about this matter; let
me know your position about the statement and if we have to answer con-
cretely to Dr. Israel to clarify any confusions.

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- (1) ASBESTOS. Vol 2 : Final report of the Advisory Committee. Her
Majesty's Stationery Office. London 1979

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