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RE: Claims against HNA Holdings, Inc. (a/k/a Fiber Industries, Celanese, ICI, etc.)

Dear Barry and Steve:

I did receive in the mail the Form 10 K and 20 K filings of both ICI and Celanese. I am forwarding to each of you the earliest filings that I have received.

In regards to Celanese, the filings indicate that Celanese, was incorporated in Delaware in 1918 with executive offices on Fifth Avenue in New York. Since that time, Celanese has been a large manufacturer of fibers, chemicals, plastics, paints and industrial coatings. The 10 K filing I have on Celanese (fiscal year 1971) indicates "Celanese is one of two US producers of acetate cigarette filter tow." Said document also indicates "Commencing in 1958, Celanese diversified its fiber operations by its entry into the non-cellulosic field through its interest in Fiber Industries, Inc. (owned 62 ½ % by Celanese and 37 ½ by Imperial Chemical Industries, LTD. I still have not been able to find out how long Celanese and ICI have been involved in the joint venture as Fiber Industries, but they certainly were in this capacity as of 1958.

A review of the ICI 10 K filing also indicate that Fiber Industries, Inc. is jointly owned by Celanese and Imperial Chemical.

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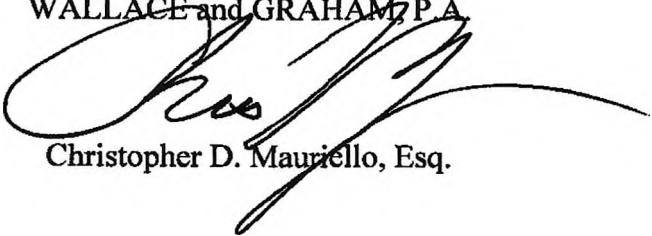
Also of interest, yesterday I spent the day going through boxes of documents in defense counsel's office regarding Fiber Industries and Hoechst Celanese. We were able to find the original insulation specifications drafted by Celanese Corporation in 1962. These were the specifications that were in effect in 1965 when this plant was constructed. The specifications have a schedule of preference of insulating material. Thermobestos, Kaylo and other asbestos products were the number one preferential product. These documents are being copied and as soon as I received them, I will forward them on to you. They will be of extreme interest to Steve in regards to alternative products available at the time.

Next, we do have confirmation that Celanese and its original safety superintendent in 1965, Mr. Sam Swearingin was a member of the National Safety Council and would have received all of the historical publications.

I just wanted to keep you updated. Thank you for your assistance in this regard.

Very truly yours,

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