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Mr. Ed Strauch
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Dear ~~Mr.~~ Chuck:

Tom Remmers has handed me your letter of July 26, and the news item entitled "Asbestos in the Boudoir." We have had similar inquiries to yours from other sources. We understand that the Toilet Goods Association is now investigeting these "scare" reports, as are we, and as Johnson and Johnson surely are.

As soon as these investigations are completed, we shall issue a bulletin to all distributors which will supply the necessary information for you and your customers.

It is true that TREMOLITE and ANTHOPHYLLITE belong to the Asbestos group of minerals We have never heard of any anthophyllite in talc. Tremolite does occur in some talcs in varying percentages. The New York state talcs contain more tremolite than talc. Tremolite is not the most common commercial form of Asbestos, which is CHRYSOTILE. You will be haring from us shortly with more details specific to our talcs. In the meantime, you can assure your customers that there is no commercial asbestos in or near any of our mines. We do not mill or handle commercial asbestos in any form. Asbestos is a natural hydrous magnesium silicate. Talc is a natural hydrous magnesium silicate. They are vastly different physically, however and

You will be hearing from us in more detail soon.

Very truly yours,

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