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Dear Tom,

On Wednesday June 18th John Ottinger and I attended a meeting at New York University on Asbestos " An Unanticipated Enviromental Hazard".

Attached is copy of the program and a reprint of the article that appeared in the October , 1965 issue of the New Yorker Magazine.

Dr. Selikoff presented a very detailed and factual report on the studies of the health hazards of asbestos. He has made a career in the study of effects of asbestos and speaks eloquently about the subject.

Dr Lee of U. S. Public Health Service agreed with Dr. Selikoff's findings. He felt that the harmful effects of asbestos fibers should be neutralized, or if this was not possible, that abestos be taken off the market.

Mr. Hutchinson , President of Asbestos Workers Union, talked about concern of his members in the control of use of abestos and of the cooperation of his union with Dr. Selikoff.

Dr. Pundsack, Vice President of Research & Develpment of Johns Manville, also acknowledged the harmful effects of asbestos. Dr. Pundsack felt that John's Manville had controlled the problem of asbestos in their plants thru proper ventilation and indoctrination of their employees. However the use of asbestos in construction posed another problem, particularily in the field of spray fireproofin and acoustical application. Dr. Pundsack was of the opinion this caused the greatest amount of potential hazard because the asbestos fibers were able to be air borne and thereby contaminate a large area.

Dr. Pundsack stated the Johns Manville is working in two areas to correct the problem. They are seeking a possible coating agent to neutralize harmful effects of asbestos. In addition they are looking for a substitute fiber product to replace asbestos.