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Attn: Mr. K. A. Brandt (REF: Our Conversation 9/26/75)

Dear Mr. Brandt:

This is the situation with 7D asbestos fibre:

With shipments received we have on hand today 8 days supply. At a useage rate of 42,000 lbs. per day, and recognizing scheduled receipts we will not exceed 8 days supply and will be completely out by October 14th.

Recent orders from our OE customers could increase our fibre usuage so we could run out earlier - say October 10th.

With 5R fibre we have 8 days supply today and with scheduled receipts (mainly Russian) we will have a maximum inventory of 13 days on October 6th. By October 15th we will have 6 days on hand. The increased business mentioned above could reduce these figures by one or two days.

We understand the Canadian strike is not settled and news is not good at this time - no cause for any optimism.

We have had several contacts with Hayes Albion regarding alternate grades and sources for asbestos. They were offered 5R.28 by J.M. which we recommended (my memo dated 8/26) but for some reason they were unable to purchase it. Similarly, they missed some Russian fibre from a source recommended by our New York Office by not being able to move quickly enough (memo TRW to E.H.F. dated 9/3/75).

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