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DEAR GEORGE:

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE CALL REGARDING YOUR MEMBERSHIP
ON THE CALIFORNIA STATE ASBESTOS REVIEW COMMITTEE.

ATTACHED IS OUR SUMMATION DOCUMENT TO OSHA IN ANSWER TO
THEIR PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE FEDERAL ASBESTOS REGULATIONS.
YOU WILL NOTE THERE IS QUITE A SECTION REGARDING SPUTUM
CYTOLOGY. TO SUM IT UP, WE CAN SAY THAT WE ARE OPPOSED TO
CYTOLOGY WHEN USED AS A ROUTINE SCREENING TOOL. HOWEVER, IN
THE INTEREST OF FURTHERING RESEARCH, WE HAVE EMBARKED UPON A
SPUTUM CYTOLOGY PROGRAM AT OUR ASBESTOS-USING LOCATIONS.
AFTER SEVERAL YEARS OF THIS IN-HOUSE PROGRAM, WE SHOULD HAVE
CONSIDERABLY MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THIS PROCEDURE AND ITS
USEFULNESS IN SCREENING PROGRAMS.

THIS DOCUMENT ALSO CONTAINS OUR ARGUMENTS OPPOSING THE PROPOSED
FEDERAL STANDARD OF 0.5 F/CC. I HOPE YOU FIND THIS USEFUL IN
YOUR COMMITTEE DELIBERATIONS. INCIDENTALLY, SEVERAL WEEKS AGO
I DISCUSSED THESE TWO POINTS WITH DR. CLARK COOPER, AND I
ALSO FURNISHED HIM WITH A COPY OF THE DOCUMENT.

GETTING DOWN TO THE NUMBERS OF EMPLOYEES AT OUR ASBESTOS-USING
LOCATIONS, I CAN GIVE AN ESTIMATE, AND THIS IS ONLY AN ESTIMATE.
IN OUR CALIFORNIA PLANTS, WE CURRENTLY HAVE ABOUT 670 PEOPLE
HANDLING ASBESTOS.

AFTER DISCUSSING THE POSSIBILITY OF FURNISHING ESTIMATES OF
OUR CUSTOMERS' EMPLOYEES WHO MAY BE INVOLVED WITH ASBESTOS
HANDLING, JIM REIS AND I CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT WE DO
NOT HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION TO SUPPLY THESE FIGURES WITH ANY
DEGREE OF ACCURACY. UNDER SEPARATE COVER, JIM IS FURNISHING
YOU WITH A CUSTOMER LISTING. FROM THIS YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO
MAKE A ROUGH ESTIMATE.

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PLEASE KEEP ME POSTED ON YOUR ACTIVITIES WITH THE CALIFORNIA
STATE COMMITTEE, AND WE WILL DO THE SAME REGARDING OUR ACTIVITIES
WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

BEST REGARDS,

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