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To Robert E. Buckley

From Roy E. Fuhs

Subject: Health Hazards

Date May 29, 1968

Dear Bob:

During the recent SWICA Meeting at Biloxi, Mississippi, a great deal of time was spent discussing the health hazards imposed on workers through the use of asbestos in high temperature insulation.

A program was presented by NIMA with Clifford Sheckler of Johns-Manville and John Vyverberg of Owens-Corning bringing the group in attendance up-to-date on the problem and what NIMA is doing to counteract some very adverse activity at the present time.

It appears, Bob, that the problem of health hazards amongst asbestos workers is rapidly becoming critical (30% of current asbestos workers have pulmonary problems) and that a strong united front is necessary to preserve this industry. In my opinion, NIMA is doing an excellent job of spotlighting this problem and through research and discreet publicity are probably our best hope of combating this very serious situation. I would recommend very strongly that Pittsburgh Corning once again join NIMA -- the basis for our joining would be only on the basis of reporting our UNIBESTOS activity and I would resist strongly any pressure to report FOAMGLAS activity. It appears that the only defense is a strong united front with money to perform the necessary research. During this session at SWICA, I was advised that Pabco and Philip-Carey, the only other manufacturers not now members of NIMA, will be joining shortly.

There have been several meetings outside the NIMA scope recently, one was held in Dresden, Germany two weeks ago, and another in New York on May 14th under the auspices of the National Academy of Sciences.

The meeting in New York was attended by <u>all</u> the major manufacturers utilizing asbestos in their products. The main speaker at this meeting was Dr. Silikopf. Those in attendance included Mr. Hutchinson, President of the Asbestos Workers Union, American Insurance Association of the United States, United States Health and Education Service, Chief Bureau of Mines, Building Construction Trades Union and all manufacturers. The purpose of this meeting was to develop health standards for the industry and to establish a committee for basic research. It was estimated at this meeting that the cost of the program would be approximately one million dollars, the basis of assessment not as yet established. An Ad Hoc Committee was formed and asked to meet again on June 11th. The committee members are as follows:

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| Dick Henry | - | Ruberoid |
| Jack Barnhart | - | NIMA |
| Mr. Hutchinson | - | Asbestos Workers Union |
| Bert Jobe | - | Johns-Manville |
| Dr. Silikopf | - | Mt. Sinai Hospital |
| Ted Brodie | - | IDCNA |

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