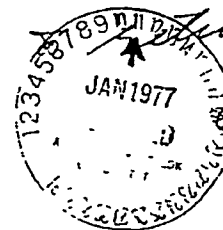


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As of today, all ABK raw materials except those cloths containing Asbestos and their required impregnants, have been transferred to Synthane-Taylor in Oaks, Pa. Our future requirements for "B" stage cloth will be supplied by them.

Hopefully, we have enough asbestos cloth (ABK-036 and ABD-172) scheduled into Winchester for impregnating to carry the majority of our 1977 requirements. This will give Synthane-Taylor plenty of time to develop their procedures to impregnate asbestos containing cloths which includes sending the material to their California plant for impregnating.

I am also checking with Southern Asbestos, the supplier of these cloths -- they have expressed a desire to impregnate. This could be cheaper, require less lead time and probably more reliable than involving a plant on the West coast.

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