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JOHNSON & JOHNSON STATEMENT RE PROCESSING OF TALC

Attached are the communications exchanged between Bill Ashton and myself regarding asbestos-form particles in talc and processing to remove therefrom. Ashton has failed to provide us with any additional remarks other than that included in the letter directed by J & J to the Department of HEW dated October 11, 1972 (copy attached). It is true that their statement concerning the removal of asbestos-form particles is an adequate statement, but this provides us no additional documentation.

Do you think this reference will be adequate for our purposes? It does, in fact, answer the question and would provide an opportunity for support from J & J at any proposed subsequent hearings before the FDA.

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