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SUBJECT: Asbestos Supply

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I contacted Dick Wareham of Special Asbestos Company yesterday, and we discussed the following points:

1. Bolivian Asbestos - Dick is forwarding two samples of Bolivian asbestos for our evaluation. He thinks this material is anthophyllite and not crocidolite, although it is blue-gray in color. There are large quantities of this material available if we can use it.

2. Mozambique - There is no possibility of obtaining asbestos from this source in the foreseeable future. The mine is located in the district where most of the guerrilla activity and killings have occurred and it is not now in operation. There is no way of obtaining an estimate as to when production might resume.

3. Anglo-Dutch Asbestos Company - This is the South African mine from which we are presently obtaining asbestos. Wareham said he talked to Mr. Everingham, the owner of the mine, two weeks ago, and he gave no indication that the mine is closing. He said that this mine signed a contract with the Finns several years ago to supply asbestos at a price that is very low by today's standards. This contract will expire next January, and he believes they may be trying to get out of supplying asbestos at the low price. He will call the manager of General Mining, which is the company he represents, to check on the Anglo-Dutch situation.

4. Miscellaneous - Wareham is forwarding a sample of tremolite asbestos for our evaluation. He also said that a new anthophyllite deposit has been discovered in South Africa, which General Mining may be interested in processing. However, this material would not be available until some time in the future. Wareham expects to be in Philadelphia during the week of July 19, and plans to stop in to talk to us.

In addition to the above information from Dick Wareham, we have also received an asbestos sample from Powhatan Mining, which is now being tested in the Lab.

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