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In reading through the abstracts of papers presented at the recent conference on Biological Effects of Asbestos sponsored by the New York Academy of Sciences, we note (and you mentioned this in our conversation) that there is some circumstantial evidence that associated hydrocarbons may be the carcinogenic agent involved.

If this is true, the asbestos as contained in Kaylo and other autoclaved calcium silicate products should be benign in this respect. Any such oils and organics would in all probability be destroyed or driven off in the autoclaving process.

One wonders if Smith and Miller at Fairleigh Dickinson University, Madison, New Jersey, for instance, would be interested in testing asbestos recovered from Kaylo and from J. M. Thermobestos.

Kaylo is now about twenty-two years old, and a few workers have been associated with its manufacture from its inception and shortly after. As far as we know, there has been no instance of asbestosis and/or resulting complications.

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