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Mr. Heinz J. Siemann
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On March 11th, 1976, Mr. Siemann --

-- the CTFA Talc Subcommittee met to discuss the current status of talc. It was recognized that a need exists to bring to your attention a profile of the analyses for asbestos form materials in talc used in the U.S. production of cosmetics and toiletory products.

The attached letters demonstrate responsibility of industry in monitoring its talcs. We are certain that the summary will give you assurance as to the freedom from contamination by asbestos form materials of cosmetic talc products.

Individual companies are more than willing to discuss the detailed data with you at your convenience.

Cordially,



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Attachments

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Norman F. Estrin, Ph.D.
FROM: Anita S. Curry
DATE: March 12th, 1976

Jim Jenkins called regarding the letter you have asked for on current talc analyses. He wishes to inform you as to what they have been doing:

1. Mr. Clements contacted Dr. Langer who gave him the code on the Coty Airspan that was tested. It turns out that this was a July, 1969 production item.
2. In 1970 Coty changed to a completely different talc; since that time the supplier (WC&D) has supplied letters to the effect that they do continuous monitoring of production, even though individual batches sold to Coty may not be individually tested.
3. Coty has had tests run on intermittent batches at the Pfizer Laboratory in Easton, Pennsylvania. These were done by X-ray diffraction and TEM. The results were all negative. Also, in the last week they have tested 1974 and 1975 lots. These too were negative.

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