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GENTLEMEN:

DURING MY TRIP TO WINNIPEG WITH DR. SELIKOFF WE DISCUSSED MANY ASPECTS OF REQUIRED TESTING PROGRAMS, AND, OF COURSE, THE QUESTION OF CONTRIBUTION OF ASBESTOS DUST INTO THE AIR BY FIREPROOFING MATERIALS USED IN A RETURN AIR PLENUM AROSE. I REFERRED, OF COURSE, TO THE STUDY THAT BRADLEY MADE FOR US, BUT THIS AGAIN WAS BELITTLED BY THE FACT THAT THE ELECTRON MICROSCOPE WAS NOT USED IN MAKING THE COUNTS. THE DOCTOR SUGGESTED THAT IT MIGHT BE WISE FOR US TO UNDERGO A PROGRAM OF TESTING OF AREAS WHERE THE FIREPROOFING IS USED AS A RETURN AIR PLENUM. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT HE IS DOING SOME INDEPENDENT RESEARCH WITH HIS GROUP AT MT. SINAI FOR THE ZONOLITE DIVISION OF W.R. GRACE RELATIVE TO AIR EROSION AND OTHER SUCH ITEMS.

SINCE THESE ARE BEING PAID FOR BY W.R. GRACE, THEY ARE PRIVATE STUDIES AND WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED. HOWEVER, AS WE HAD PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED, I THINK WE SHOULD DETERMINE OURSELVES EXACTLY WHAT WE WANT DONE BY WAY OF THIS INVESTIGATION, MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH SOME GROUP, POSSIBLY THE COOPER-TABERSHAW GROUP IN BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA TO VISIT SPECIFIC DESIGNATED BUILDINGS AND TO GET THESE COUNTS FOR US.

SINCE WE WILL PROBABLY HAVE A MEETING ALMOST MOMENTARILY AFTER THE RESULTS OF THE HEARINGS OF THE DEPT. OF AIR RESOURCES IN NEW YORK ARE PUBLISHED, WE SHOULD AT THAT TIME MAKE A NOTE ON THE AGENDA TO DISCUSS THIS SITUATION AND TO COME UP WITH SOME DEFINITIVE ACTION. AT THE SAME TIME, IT WILL BE INCUMBENT UPON US TO HAVE A MEETING TO DISCUSS THE POSITION WE WILL TAKE WITH U.L. ON JUNE 17TH, ON THE MEETING CALLED BY RUSS PARKS TO "DISCUSS THE HEALTH HAZARD OF ASBESTOS FIBER".

I WILL BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH YOU EARLY NEXT WEEK TO SEE WHEN WE CAN SET UP A DATE FOR A MEETING.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

SPRAYED MINERAL FIBER MFRS. ASSN.

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