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Mr. James Duffy
President
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1330 Avenue of Americas
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Subject: Asbestos: A Way To A Dusty Death

Dear Mr. Duffy:

The subject program aired last Friday added thousands of people to the list of those who feel the news media must be regulated. This program failed to mention that smoking in conjunction with asbestos increases the probability of disease tenfold, making the combination of asbestos and smoking the major health problem. Also, Dr. Selikoff knew that zeolite causes mesothelioma, as well as asbestos. It is amazing to me that your network would allow two such glaring omissions to be aired.

I am sure that you are fully aware of the mistrust and the loss of credibility suffered by all news media with the public at this time. It is obvious omissions like these that continues to erode your creditability.

It is equally amazing to me that your network and/or its personnel can continue to promote and expound the benefits of socialization, nationalization and government controls. I am sure that you fully realize that as government controls, nationalization, etc. increase in a country, so does the restriction and the control of the free press. I think that you should bear in mind that when partial or false information is used to promote the control of an industry, the same tactic will be used to promote the control of every other industry, including your own.

Very truly yours,

SPECIAL MATERIALS, INC.

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