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Dear Sirs:

A number of educators, and other concerned citizens, have called my attention to the volume published by you in 1968 entitled "Moreabouts."

In this book, on Page 43, instructions are given for using asbestos dough. On Page 64, instructions are given concerning the preparation of this modeling "Mix 1 part wallpaper paste with 5 parts asbestos powder."

I think this is bad advice. A child or other person doing this, without thorough knowledge of the potential dangers of the inhalation of asbestos, might be subjected to hazardous exposure, especially if no respirator protection is used.

It is now amply known that such exposure includes the hazard of subsequent development of a number of forms of cancer, after a latent period of twenty or more years. I am enclosing several reprints on the subject.

I would strongly suggest that this advice be rescinded, and this be done with all deliberate speed.

Sincerely yours,

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