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12th August, 1969.

Turners Asbestos Cement Co. Ltd.,
Trafford Park,
Manchester, 17.

Dear Sirs,

IMPORTATION OF ASBESTOS FIBRE AT GLASGOW

We confirm our telephone conversation with your Mr. Battersby on 11th inst., when we advised you that the Glasgow Dockers Union had informed Strathclyde Stevedores that they refused to handle further shipments of asbestos in Glasgow.

This decision has presumably been encouraged by the recent discussion on the "Twenty-four Hours" programme on television last week, where it was suggested that the inhalation of white fibre might also be dangerous.

Further negotiations are taking place with a view to persuading the dockers' representatives to accept (1) shipment, already at sea, and (2) palletised shipments.

We will contact you again immediately we have further news.

We are, Yours faithfully,
JOHN SCOTT & CO. (SHIPPING) LIMITED

MANAGER, IMPORT DEPARTMENT.

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c.c. Turners Asbestos Cement Co. Ltd., Dalmuir.
For the attention of Mr. Swanson.

c.c. Turners Asbestos Fibres Ltd., Manchester.
For the attention of Mr. Gerrell.

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