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To: Donald T. Breen
From: Marjorie A. Weiss
Re: Asbestosis

On Friday July 14, 1978, ABC Television had a one hour
Special on Asbestosis.

Though the show centered primarily on asbestos workers
in manufacturing plants and ship building yards, there was
approximately two to three minutes devoted to brake linings.
It was noted that the linings are 73% asbestos and the program
showed a mechanic removing the brake linings using an air
hose to blow the dust around. It was further noted that in
1975, the government recommended that a vacuum method be used
to clear the dust when changing brake linings but that OSHA
ignored this recommendation. It was also stated that in a
1976 survey 25% of the automobile mechanics tested had lung
abnormalities.

I have a tape of the sound of the program. Should you
wish it transcribed please advise.

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