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June 15, 1956

Mr. D. R. Holmes, Chairman
Air Hygiene Committee
Asbestos-Textile Institute
Aston-Hill Bldg. Co.
Philadelphia 29, Pennsylvania

Dear Don:

This acknowledges receipt of your letter of June 11 in reference to the Proposal of the Industrial Hygiene Foundation to study the affects of Asbestosis to Cancer.

Yesterday by 'phone I expressed my personal preliminary thinking, about the Proposal which is not in favor of our participation and will therefore not recommend it to our Corporation's Board of Directors.

I hesitate to even express an adverse opinion on a proposal made by so reputable an organization as the Industrial Hygiene Foundation but if you read carefully their proposal you'll find some doubts that the Study would result in "statistically valid deductions". Another posed doubt about the small number of workers involved and the "probable reliability of available data".

Certainly if this Study was started it would be publicized and I fear the scare psychology it would create with employees and their families.

I am not trying to dodge an important issue nor would I hesitate to recommend an expenditure, even as large as this, to our Board if I could justify it in my own mind. We shall continue our very active program to eliminate the dust hazard.

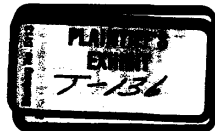
I have discussed this proposal briefly with our Top Executives at this Division and will send each a copy. I'll also send a copy to our Representative on the Asbestos Textile Institute Board.

Very truly yours,

B. W. LUTTENBERGER
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CC: Messrs. Cilley, Zimmerman, Bettes, Dr. Shaw



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