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RE: PUBLICITY CONCERNING ASBESTOS AS HEALTH HAZARD

GENTLEMEN:

I ASSURE THAT MOST OF US HAVE BECOME AWARE OF THE PUBLICITY RELEASED IN THE NEWSPAPERS ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2ND, 1966, CONCERNING THE STUDY INTO THE HAZARD OF THE USE OF ASBESTOS AS REGARDS PUBLIC HEALTH. PRESS RELEASES APPEARED IN THE NEW YORK TIMES, THE NEW YORK WORLD TELEGRAPH, AND THE NEWARK EVENING NEWS. I AM HEREWITH ENCLOSEING COPY OF THE INFORMATION FROM THE NEW YORK TIMES AND THE WORLD TELEGRAPH.

IT COULD BE THAT THIS SITUATION SHOULD MERIT CONSULTATION BETWEEN OUR COMMITTEE AND THE DOCTORS INVOLVED, SO THAT WE ARE FORCED TO WORK TOGETHER RATHER THAN AGAINST EACH OTHER, IN TRYING TO DEVISE METHODS FOR CONTINUING THE USE OF ASBESTOS MATERIALS AND MINIMIZING THE HAZARD. IT SO HAPPENS THAT THE DR. SELIKOFF MENTIONED IN ALL OF THESE ARTICLES HAPPENS TO BE MY PERSONAL PHYSICIAN, WITH WHOM I VISIT TWICE A YEAR FOR A COMPLETE PHYSICAL EXAMINATION. ON THE OCCASION OF EACH OF THESE VISITS, A VERY LONG DISCUSSION IS GONE INTO CONCERNING ASBESTOS HAZARDS, ASBESTOSIS, ITS AFFECT ON TRIGGERING CANCER ETC., AND THIS FELLOW IS MOST SYMPATHETIC TO OUR PROBLEMS. AS A MATTER OF FACT, AT THE MOST RECENT MEETING OF THE NATIONAL INSULATION MANUFACTURERS & DISTRIBUTORS ASSOCIATION AT THE WALDOBY ASTORIA IN OCTOBER, DR. SELIKOFF WAS THE PRINCIPLE

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SPRAYER, AND THAT THE FIREWORKS DEVELOPED.

IF IT IS THE OPINION OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE THAT, AS A COMMITTEE, WE SHOULD WORK WITH THESE PEOPLE TO DETERMINE WAYS OF CONCEPTING THIS SO CALLED HAZARD, I CAN MAKE CONTACT WITH DR. SELIKOFF IMMEDIATELY, AND ARRANGE FOR A MEETING BETWEEN HIM AND HIS PEOPLE AT MOUNT SINAI HOSPITAL, WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE FOR EVERYBODY'S BENEFIT. HOWEVER, BEFORE I MAKE ANY APPROACH AT ALL, I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE OPINION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE AND CONSENT AS TO HOW WE SHOULD PROCEED.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

SPRAYED MINERAL FIBER MFRS. ASSN, INC.


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