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RE: OSHA ASBESTOS STANDARDS

The Department of Labor yesterday announced that a public hearing will be held on March 14, 1972 in Washington as part of the procedure for developing a permanent occupational standard for asbestos. As you recall, the 5 fiber standard issued in December was a "temporary" standard. It would have to be replaced by a permanent standard within six months.

The temporary standard as published in the Federal Register on December 7 will serve as the basis for the March 14 hearing. The hearing will be held in the Department of Labor until February 11. Notice of the hearing will be made to OSHA by March 3. In addition, an advisory committee is being formed to develop recommendations for a new permanent standard. Our best information is that the members of this advisory committee have not yet been selected. Nevertheless, a report from this committee is due at the end of February, prior to the public hearing.

Additional information on this most important matter will be forwarded as soon as it becomes available.

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