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RE Phone Call with The Center for Political Research -
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Dear Gene:

I'm writing this as a matter of record. I believe I may have mentioned it on the phone.

On Wednesday September 29, 1971 (4:00 P.M.) I was called by a representative of the Center for Political Research in Washington, D. C.

Miss Susan Simon
Center for Political Research
1790 M. Street N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20036

She had apparently decided (or had been told) to contact the Friction Materials Standards Institute with the impression that we had material or compounding standards. The basic thrust of her question was: "What are the brake lining manufacturers doing about asbestos in the environment?"

I told her we did have a committee studying asbestos in the brake lining industry for (1) general environment emissions, and (2) asbestos in the work place.

I mentioned the Environmental Protection Agency's tests to determine the extent of any asbestos emissions in the general environment from the use of brake lining on vehicles, and the proposed regulations of the Illinois Pollution Control Board.

She brought up fiber glass as a substitute. I believe she is part of the activist anti-everythings, and while our conversation was polite and restrained, I don't believe she had much technical depth - as suggested by the usual "fiber glass substitute" and the apparent pre-judgment that asbestos in brake linings is a serious contaminant from the emission viewpoint in the general environment.

The foregoing is strictly a matter of record.

Sincerely,

ESD/icb

E. W. Drislane
Executive Secretary

