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Dr. David Rall, Director
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Dear Dave:

Attached is a memorandum concerning the current status of our examination of certain consumer paper products (facial tissues) to determine whether chrysotile asbestos is being added in their manufacture.

I am pleased to report to you that we have found no evidence of this material being used in the manufacture of the products we've examined.

The fact that there had been such prior use should be considered in light of the short period of the use (less than a year), by only two companies.

We received full cooperation from asbestos industry groups during our investigation. Mr. F. J. Solon of Johns-Manville helped institute an industry-wide survey of the problem, to ascertain whether such use was now prevalent and to insure that any consideration of future use would include awareness of potential hazard. We are most appreciative of Johns-Manville's assistance and cooperation in this regard.

Sincerely yours,

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