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April 17, 1968

Mr. Clifford L. Sheckler
Manager
Occupational Environmental Control
Johns-Manville Sales Corporation
22 East 40th Street
New York, N. Y. 10016

Dear Cliff:

In the council meeting of April 3, 1968 held in your conference room, it was agreed that I would advise you by April 19, 1968 of National Gypsum Company's position relative to the printing and distributing of the booklet entitled, "Recommended Health Safety Practices."

Our position is that we strongly oppose the publication and distribution of the booklet.

Our reasons are:

1) No risk has been shown to the general public from exposure to asbestos cement products manufactured for use in the building and construction industry.

2) The proposed booklet points to dangers to health from the handling of corrugated and flat asbestos sheets when there is no scientific evidence of such dangers.

3) The booklet creates fear in the minds of buyers, users, and workers without justification. These fears would be damaging to the entire industry.

We agree with the J-M position paper of January 15, 1968, subscribe to the concepts of the Institute of Occupational and Environmental Health in Montreal, and are extending full cooperation to U. S. Public Health Service in its study of asbestos in processing plants.

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This strong opposition to the publishing of the booklet has the full concurrence of the top executives of our company, including the Chief Executive Officer.

Cliff, we would be most willing to meet with you and other asbestos cement manufacturers to discuss Health and Environmental problems relative to our industry, at any time.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

NATIONAL GYPSUM COMPANY

Frank H. Mansman
Director of Safety

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May 8, 1968

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Mr. Frank H. Zimmerman, Director of Safety
National Gypsum Company
Gold Bond Building
Buffalo, New York 14202

Dear Frank:

Thank you for the comprehensive review of the booklet "Recommended Health Safety Practices for Handling and Applying Asbestos-Cement Products".

Needless to say, there is an apparent difference of opinion between the council members in relation to the need for this booklet.

I have received tentative approval of the booklet as written in draft form from [redacted]ortain-Teed, General Analine and Film, and Johns-Manville.

It would be extremely advantageous to have unanimous agreement of the council members concerning any publications dealing with health. This is especially desirable in view of the continuous adverse publicity and attacks on various materials.

I am confident there would be a benefit in further discussions of this matter by the council. Would you be receptive to attending another meeting?

I note from copies of correspondence from our Mr. Cerny that your Mr. Al Fay has an interest in a seminar to be sponsored by the Mineral Fiber Products Bureau on the subject of health. The seminar is to be delayed until after the New York Academy of Science meeting on May 14, 1968. Perhaps Mr. Fay would be interested in attending the council meeting in order to coordinate our activities.

I will delay setting a date for the council meeting pending your reply. Please advise tentative convenient dates during weeks of June 10 or 17.

Thank you for you kindness and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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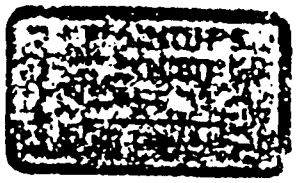

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1. Textile industry info same as Thermal Workers in opinion of Dr. Wright - degree may not be the same.

2. J-M - Atmosphere - to not let one fiber get loose knowing this is a goal only.

3. J-M is cleaning up all plants.

   a) Bag opening dept. is completely enclosed and personnel completely protected.
   b) Brooms have been replaced with vacuum equipment.
   c) Broken bags are immediately repaired and used - not stored.
   d) Wooden corners are placed in bag storage on aisles.

4. National Gypsum plants are dirty in Fiber receiving and storage areas. Opening procedures are poor.

5. J-M's V.P. of Publicity and Public Relations, Jack Solon was not aware of booklet.

6. Dr. Wright is engaged in measuring fiber concentration in J-M's plants to make them safe. Also he is a member of their environmental health committee.

7. Conclusion -

   Asbestos Cement is not, at this time, proven to be a culprit. National Gypsum should continue to oppose distribution to the public any literature damaging to these products. The handling of fibers may cause asbestosis. Protection should be provided employees.

Attending meeting were -

Dr. Geo. Wright
Frank Zimmerman
J. W. Duncan
Don Hayes ) Laverick and
Roland Walker ) Haines

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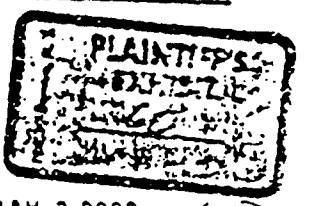
cc: J. W. Duncan



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March ~~May~~ 27, 1968

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Mr. Frank Zimmerman, Director of Safety
National Gypsum Company
Buffalo, New York

Dear Mr. Zimmerman:

A group of industries are interested in promoting health safety practices in relation to toxic or potentially toxic materials.

The industries currently involved include:

Certain-teed
General Analine and Film (Ruberoid Co.)
Flintkote
Owens-Corning
Johns-Manville.

Our President, C. B. Burnett, discussed this with your Vice President, A. H. Fay. Mr. Fay has advised that you have been appointed to represent your company, and suggested that I contact you directly.

We are tentatively arranging a meeting for April 3, 1968 at 9:30 A.M. The meeting will be held in the Johns-Manville Second Floor Conference Room at 22 East 40th St.(corner of 40th and Madison), New York City.

We are currently preparing a booklet entitled "Recommended Health Safety Practices for Handling and Applying Asbestos-Cement Products".

I am confident that you will contribute a great deal to our efforts and look forward to meeting you. In the event that the date of April 3 is not convenient for you, or anyone of us has a last minute change in his travel schedules, I suggest we contact each other by phone. My phone number is Area Code 201, 722-9000 Ext. 626.

Very truly yours,

C. L. Sheckler

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C. L. Sheckler, Manager
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