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Chairman advises that this report was to have restricted circulation and that the International Agency for Research on Cancer had not officially released the report. As we may have been premature in distributing the report, it is suggested that the Members restrict their circulation of any information contained in that report.

THE EPA STUDY OF PARTICULATE EMISSIONS
FROM BRAKE LININGS AND CLUTCH FACINGS

The Bendix Corporation has been running tests on vehicles and on dynamometers to entrap the wear debris of brake linings and clutch facings. This study is under contract to the Environmental Protection Agency. Originally, the report was to have been made in 1972.

Dr. Spurgeon, of the Bendix Research Laboratories, advises that a final report should be published on these particulate emissions sometime within the next six weeks. There is no indication as to what these results show, as the work (at this stage) is not for publication.

STATISTICAL EVALUATION OF THE MEMBRANE FILTER METHOD

The Chairman distributed to the Committee the conclusions and recommendations in a report made for the Asbestos Information Association on the precision and accuracy of the Membrane Filter Method for measuring concentrations of asbestos fiber. This report was done by the LFE Corporation under contract for the Asbestos Information Association. The evaluation was not reviewed by the Committee Members at the meeting.

NIOSH RECOMMENDATIONS AS REGARDS HEAT STRESS

This particular area does not pertain specifically to asbestos. However, most of the brake lining and clutch facing manufacturers work with hot presses and various ovens. The recommendations as regards heat stress will affect most of the Members. A Member's work in the area of heat stress measurements was distributed for their review, along with a copy of the NIOSH recommendations. Again, as this information was new to some of the Committee Members the data was distributed and not discussed.

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There being no further business brought before the Committee, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously passed, it was

RESOLVED: To adjourn.

Adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

E. W. Drislane
Secretary