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Mr. Peter Kostic  
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Dear Pete:

Thank you very much for the information you gave me in our phone conversation of June 17, 1970. As I indicated to you, there has been some new data developed by Dr. J. C. McDonald, Department of Epidemiology and Health, McGill University. The article is entitled, "Research on Asbestos and Health: A Progress Report to Employers and Employees of the Quebec Asbestos Mining Industry".

I feel that Dr. McDonald's contribution is of considerable value and certainly reinforces my thinking that asbestos, with the proper environmental health safety precautions exercised, presents no hazard to either the people working with it or to the public in general. It is evident that the problem that develops with asbestos is one that is characteristic of all diseases coming from exposure to dust and is based on a time-dose relationship. It is also interesting to know that he comes to a semi-conclusion that there are other unknown factors involved in the creation of cancerous conditions, other than the mere presence of asbestos fiber.

Thanks again for supplying me with the official position of the W. R. Grace Company, particularly with respect to your Zonolite Division. If I run across any further information on the general subject, you may be assured that I'll pass it on to you.

Very truly yours,

  
H. G. Donovan  
Product Marketing Manager

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