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Dear Barry :

Sub : Asbestos Litigation in India

I am happy to inform you that we have finally filed a writ petition in the Supreme Court of India in January, 1986.

Some of the major defendants are the Government of India, the Employees Insurance Corporation, and ofcourse the three major firms, Shri Digvijay Cement, Ahmedabad; Hindustan Ferodo (Of Turner Newall) and Hyderabad Asbestos Cement Company.

All three Companies are vigorously opposing the admission of the petition. The hearing for this has been slated for 28th April, 1986.

What I am happy to tell you is that even before the matter is admitted, the Supreme Court has on our insistence, directed the three companies to produce the following records; the names of all permanent and casual labour for the last ten years, names of those who have left or died while in service, the reason for their leaving, samples of respirators supplied to the workers and overalls, as well as detail regarding the facilities like twin lockers, shower rooms available to them. This should be revealing enough, I think. Let us keep our fingers crossed and hope that the matter does get admitted on 28th.

In the meanwhile there is an official report by the Govt. of India, on the conditions prevailing in the various mines as well as Asbestos Factories. It is an

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official document put out by a high-powered Committee.
If you would like to have a copy please let me know.

CERC will keep you informed of the develop-
ments in the matter.

How does your work get on ?

With best wishes,

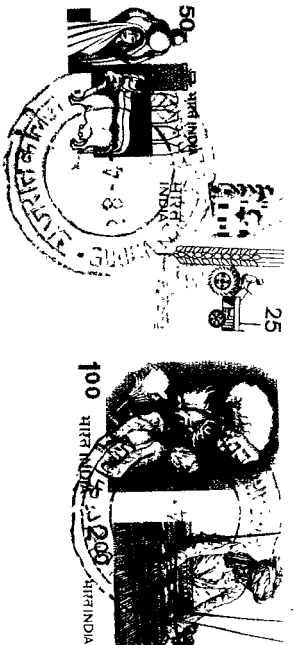
Yours sincerely,



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