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# Internal Correspondence

To: See Below

Date: August 16, 1976

From: M. Harris

Copies: J. R. M. Hutcheson, D. Poutiatine

Subject: ASBESTOS FIBRE DIVISION
GROWTH PLAN REVIEW

One of the assignments given to us at the review was to consider dropping asbestos textile sales into the United States. The two potential problems here are:

1. In the political arena wherein we could possibly be accused of exporting our health problems.

2. In the environmental area wherein we could not control the end use of some of our textile products principally being used by small manufacturers, such as asbestos gloves, etc.

Our answer to the potential political problem is that at our asbestos textile plant in Canada we are meeting the J-M standards of 2 fibres per cc, which is as good as our plants in the U.S. and, therefore, we are not exporting any health problems.

With regard to No. 2, we will immediately discontinue the shipment of tapes, lap, rope, and cloth made of asbestos. This will not materially affect our operations in Canada.

We will, however, with the concurrence of Dr. Kotin, continue to ship yarn only to very large customers such as Garlock, Raybestos Manhattan, etc., wherein we can monitor and use control to make sure that these accounts are taking all the necessary precautions to protect the health of their employees and end users. Attached is a letter from Bill Reitze confirming this agreement.

I believe this completes our assignment as given at the subject review.

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# Internal Correspondence

To: M. HARRIS

Date: AUGUST 10, 1976

From: W. B. REITZE

Copies: P. KOTIN, MD

Subject: ASBESTOS TEXTILE SALES - USA

THIS WILL CONFIRM OUR TELEPHONE CONVERSATION OF AUGUST 9 REGARDING THE SALE OF ASBESTOS TEXTILE MATERIALS MANUFACTURED BY J-M IN CANADA AND SOLD IN THE U.S.

IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT SALES OF ALL J-M TEXTILE CLOTH AND OTHER TEXTILE PRODUCTS WILL BE DISCONTINUED IN THE U.S. IT IS ALSO MY UNDERSTANDING THAT ASBESTOS YARN WILL CONTINUE TO BE SOLD TO FOUR OR FIVE MAJOR CUSTOMERS, SUCH AS GARLOCK, RAYBESTOS-MANHATTAN, UNIROYAL, ETC.

I HAVE DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH DR. PAUL KOTIN, AND WE BOTH AGREE THAT, IF THIS YARN IS SOLD TO THESE MAJOR COMPANIES UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF YOUR RECENTLY PUBLISHED ASBESTOS FIBER SALES CREDO, IT SHOULD PRESENT NO ENVIRONMENTAL OR POLITICAL EMBARRASSMENT FOR J-M.

W. B. REITZE

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