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Gentlemen:

I am quoting herewith an item appearing in the New Products Section of the July 11th, 1966 issue of Chemical & Engineering News:

"Advances in fire-retardant paints came from Vimasco Corp. and Monsanto, which claim to have met the problem of water resistance. Vimasco, based in Nitro, W.Va., is marketing a new workable compound rated at 200 sq.ft. per gallon. Single-coat applications equal or exceed legal requirements for flame spread, fuel contribution, and smoke development in tests by Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc., Vimasco says. Like most intumescent (heat swelling) paints, Vimasco's product contains an ammonium-based catalyst, a carbon source, and a blowing agent. In addition, Vimasco uses a patented vehicle. Monsanto's contribution is a new catalyst compound called Phos-Check P/30, which is 90% high-molecular-weight ammonium polyphosphate. The St. Louis company states that the material has a solubility of less than 0.1 gram per 100 cc. water and confers good paint properties as well."

I just wanted to bring this to your attention, since it is apt to be a product similar to Albi-Clad, and perhaps further information should be requested by the Committee from Vimasco Corporation and Monsanto.

Very truly yours,

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