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March 27, 1980

Mr. J. S. Saxon
Southern Railway Company
P. O. Box 233
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mr. Saxon:

Attached is my letter to Mr. Loflin, Shop Superintendent in Charlotte. Also enclosed, is a report covering emissions from COBRA® brake shoes. If we can be of any further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

E. J. Brannan
Sales Engineer

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March 13, 1980

Mr. C. B. Loflin
Shop Superintendent
Southern Railway Company
312 West Liddell Street
Charlotte, NC 28206

Dear Mr. Loflin:

This is in reply to your request for information concerning so called hazardous ingredients in the COBRA® Brake Shoes you are using on your M. W. vehicles.

At the present time, the friction material in the COBRA brake shoes you are using is the same as the AAR approved COBRA brake shoe friction material in use on interchange freight cars. This COBRA friction material contains a small amount of asbestos, but no lead. We are in the process of obtaining approval for a no-lead, no-asbestos friction material. We anticipate having this material approved by the 4th quarter of 1980.

For your further information, I am attaching a summary of a series of Environmental Safety tests that we have made on COBRA brake shoes.

Sincerely,

E. J. Brannan

Enclosures

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