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FILE MEMORANDUM -

Quebec Asbestos Mining Association Meeting
Murray Bay, Que., Canada - July 22-30th.

Mr. Hassel and I attended the meeting of the Quebec Asbestos Mining Association held at Murray Bay., Quebec, from July 22th to 30th, as guests of the Association. The companies having membership in this association are as follows:

Asbestos Corporation Limited
Bell Asbestos Mines Ltd.
Johnson's Company Ltd.
Quebec Asbestos Corporation Ltd. (Phillip-Carey)
Kincard Asbestos Mines Ltd.
Flinstone Mines Limited

The individuals who were present at the meeting were as follows:

Johns-Manville Corporation-

A. E. Fisher, President
Carl B. Lindell, Vice President, and
General Manager Asbestos Fibre Division
Dudley Colton (President of J-M International)
J. C. Kallisher, Sales Manager
E. Collier, Asst. to the President (Director-Quality Control)

Asbestos Corporation Limited-

A. L. Fendhals, President
George F. Jenkins, General Manager
Dennis Marcotte, Sales Manager
I. C. Campbell, Secretary and Asst. Treasurer; also Asst. to the President and Secretary of Q.A.M.A.

Bell Asbestos Mines Ltd.-

G. W. Smith, General Manager; also President of Q.A.M.A.
Harber Smith, Production Superintendent

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Johnson's Company Ltd.-

William Johnson, Vice President
Mr. McKenzie, Director

Quebec Asbestos Corporation Ltd. (Philip-Carey)-

Mr. A. A. Roadway, Vice President and General Manager

Nicolet Asbestos Mines Limited-

Mr. Philip Meyer, President
Mr. L. O. Montpetit, Vice President

Mr. Nassal and I attended the only business session which was held, this being on Monday evening. While the agenda called for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, the minutes were not in evidence and were approved on the basis of them having been distributed previously.

Principal subjects discussed were as follows:

INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE - particularly the activities of the Scarnee Foundation, which for several years has been conducting studies for the Association on the effects of asbestos dust on humans. They also discussed the planned symposium, which was to be sponsored by some Canadian university, during 1958 where authorities from Canada, the U.S. and Europe, would give papers on health aspects of exposure to asbestos dusts.

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE - reported on recent activities of this committee in obtaining reduced freight rates to various foreign markets now that most producers were using pressure-packaging machines. These compressed packages now increase the density of the package and steamship conferences have agreed to some freight reductions for pressure-packaged shipments. It was the consensus of the meeting, however, that the Association should not change freight weight as a measure of freight rates to a cubic foot basis.

TAXATION - Some discussion took place concerning Provincial and Federal mine taxation and there was some discussion concerning the efforts of the Association to have spinning fibres removed from the critical list in Washington, D. C.

LABOR - There was also a report by the Public Relations Committee and by the Labor Committee. In connection with labor, the present Arvida strike was discussed, particularly one of the demands of the Catholic Syndicate that shop stewards be given the status and equivalent of foremen. None of the producers expected to receive any demands from their unions until about November of this year; this would undoubtedly first come from Asbestos Corporation whose contract is the first one up for renewal, it terminating on December 31, 1957. The J-M contract with the Catholic Syndicate does not terminate until some time in the spring of 1958.

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GENERAL -

Informal discussions took place between various companies outside of the one formal meeting. The industry is quite concerned with the increasing premium that the Canadian dollar commands over the American dollar, also the fact that sales are now made in the terms of U.S. dollars. We were not informed as to what action, if any, would be taken in this respect.

We also have reason to believe that discussions took place with regards the establishment of a more scientific method of determining the utility value of fibre. We were advised by J-M that they believe the time is close at hand when a more scientific set of specifications should be applied other than continuing to adhere to the Quebec Screen Test.

Mr. Messel and I feel that our attendance at this meeting was quite beneficial, essentially in that it gave us the opportunity to become better acquainted with management heads of the various operating companies.

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May 21, 1953

Mr. J. Bigalow
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Dear Jim:

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 7 in which you indicate that your Personnel Department has requested some information on possible health hazards of asbestos. We have been following the recent developments in this quite closely, and Ed Farrell, our manager of Technical Service, will send you a complete report within the next week or ten days.

It has been some time since I have seen you, and I hope to be out in the Toledo area again within the next month, and will call you prior to my making the trip to set up an appointment.

Very truly yours,

E. L. MINHAULT, JR.

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