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Attention Mr. R. F. Wolff

Gentlemen:

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BATSON-COOK COMPANY
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E. V. McMILLEN

Re: Addition and Alterations
Memorial Medical Center
Savannah, Georgia

Please find attached copy of Technical Services, Inc.'s test report on samples of dust that we collected from ORs 9 and 10 and workroom 1B075 on the above referenced project that you requested in your letter of July 20, 1983. Also find attached copy of news releases that appeared in newspapers on July 21 and July 22, regarding this same issue, for your files.

As you can see from the attached new releases, this issue is still not dead. We have talked to your Mr. John Crane this date and he assured us that he was going to be in touch with you and get us some additional information to help us put this issue to bed once and for all.

Very truly yours,

BATSON-COOK COMPANY

Hugh L. Cotton

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Enclosures
cc: Mr. John Crane

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TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC.

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Laboratory No. 53605

July 15, 1983

Sample of Dust

Date Received July 15, 1983

For Batson-Cook Company, P. O. Box 4963, Jacksonville, Florida 32201
Attn: Mr. Hugh Coffey

Marks:

CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS OR TESTS

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	Asbestos, %
OR #9, North Wall	0
OR #10, North Wall	0
Work Room, 1 B075, South Wall	0
Work Room 1 B075, North Wall	0

Note: The fibrous material present in these samples are cellulose and glass fibers.

Respectfully submitted,

TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC.

BY

A. E. Johnson

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THE WEATHER:
Mostly sunny, hazy
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Asbestos in Floors of New MM

By TOM BARTON

Staff Writer

About 70 pounds of asbestos, suspected of causing lung cancer when inhaled, were mixed into a compound used in the floors of eight new operating rooms and two other surgical rooms being built at Memorial Medical Center, officials said Thursday.

Dan J. Sheehan Co., one of the major subcontractors hired for Memorial's ongoing renovation project, was the company responsible for working on the floors in that area, sources said. A Memorial spokesman said, Balson-Cook Co. of Jacksonville, Fla., general contractor for the \$21.6 million facility at the hospital, must shoulder responsibility for the problem.

"It was a stupid thing to do," said Richard Graesser, district office supervisor in Savannah for the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Hospital patients and employees are not in any immediate danger because of the asbestos, Memorial spokesman Jerry Davis said Thursday.

The yet-to-be finished operating room area is on the first floor of Memorial's new patient tower, which has several higher floors of occupied patient rooms. The ventilation system on the first floor is self-contained, Davis said.

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Asbestos in New MMC Rooms

By TOM BARTON
Staff Writer

Construction workers added about 70 pounds of asbestos, suspected of causing lung cancer, to a mix used to cover the floors of eight new operating rooms and two other surgical rooms being built at Memorial Medical Center, a federal official said today.

"It was a stupid thing to do," said Richard Graesser, district office supervisor in Savannah for the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration. A subcontractor, hired by general contractor Batson-Cook Co. of Jacksonville,

Fla., was responsible for ordering that the asbestos be used, Graesser said. He declined to identify the company.

"I don't want to point fingers until the investigation is over," the official said. "It's not the hospital's fault. They were extremely upset about the whole thing."

Memorial spokesman Jerry Davis said today the problem belongs to Batson-Cook, since the hospital does not have a certificate of occupancy for the 10 rooms.

"The hospital will pursue the matter until it's safe and satisfactory," he said.

Davis referred all questions to Batson-Cook. The company's construction supervisor at the site, Bernard Malsky, refused to

comment until OSHA completes its investigation.

"Nothing's been proven yet," Malsky said.

Two 35-bags of "100-percent pure" asbestos were mixed into a concrete-like flooring compound used on the operating room floors, Graesser said. Workers then covered the compound with a clear glaze.

"It was a relatively small amount, but you can see it through the glazing," Graesser said.

Workers had the air conditioning on in the area when the floor was being spread, he said. The area is on the first floor of the hospital's new patient tower.

The problem with the asbestos is that future work on the floors will require special precautions to prevent the material from getting into the air and into Memorial's ventilation system, he said.

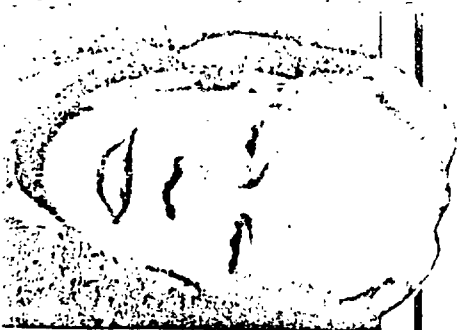
For example, drilling or cutting into the floor could cause asbestos to be released, Graesser said, and the ventilation would have to be turned off. Totally removing the floor would create an even greater risk, he said.

Union workers involved in Memorial's renovation contacted OSHA July 18 about the asbestos being used in the floors, Graesser said. Inspectors visited the work site the

following day. Besides the two bags of asbestos used for the floor, another eight bags of the substance were at the hospital, Graesser said. The remaining bags have since "vanished," he said.

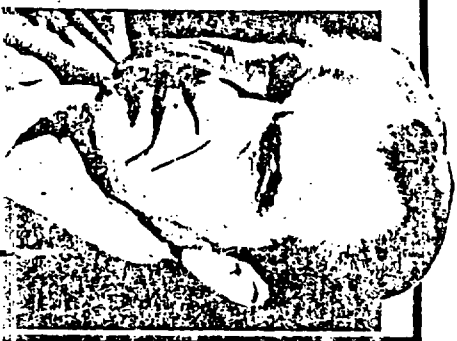
"We can't stop them from using it," Graesser said, since the material was not used in a spray. Federal Environmental Protection Agency rules prevent the spraying of substances that have a 1 percent or more concentration of asbestos, he said.

Graesser said OSHA's investigation is continuing and should be concluded in about two weeks.



"He (Ford) had made his decision already and here comes the guy (Nixon) stirring it up. He was very, very irritated; he really resented it."

— Anonymous Former Ford Aide



Heat Claims 2 Lives in Chatnam

Heat wave continues to scorch nation. Details on Page 2.

By BETTY DABRY
Staff Writer

Two of eight heat-related deaths reported in Georgia so far this summer have been in Chatnam County, state health officials said to-

shows eight deaths — two each in Chatnam and Troup counties and one each in DeKalb, Fulton and Walton counties. The latest heat-related death of which Sikes has been notified occurred Sunday when a 32-year-old jogger died in Fulton County.

Updates of the heat-related death toll will be released on Mondays through the remainder of the summer.



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July 20, 1983

Mr. Hugh Cotten⁰
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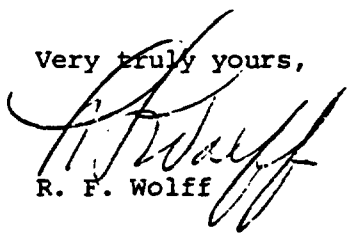
Dear Mr. Cotten:

I understand that Mr. John Myers has called you to answer any further questions you may have had concerning Caledria RG 244. We have also arranged to have material concerning the properties of our product mailed to you and to Mr. Sheehan, which you may find helpful.

I appreciated your call to me on July 15, 1983 advising that the four samples taken from the OR section of the new hospital wing, which were submitted to laboratory analysis, showed no presence of asbestos fibres, and would like to see a copy of that report if you find it convenient to mail one to me.

Good luck on your project.

Very truly yours,


R. F. Wolff

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