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To: ACCIDENT PREVENTION COMMITTEE

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Subject: Study of Asbestos Standard Impact on Shipyards

On March 23, at the suggestion of OSHA the undersigned met with Paul B. Preusser, Chief, Division of Applications Research, Office of Standards, OSHA, accompanied by Dr. Donald W. Meals and Stanley Margolin of Arthur D. Little, Inc., to explore the possibilities for Shipbuilders Council cooperation in developing the impact on shipyard of asbestos standards. They asked that at some point the Arthur D. Little representatives be afforded an opportunity to meet with the members of the Council's Accident Prevention Committee to explain what is being sought. In as much as the Council's Environmental Control Committee and Accident Prevention Committee are having back-to-back meetings on April 11 and 12, and both Committees are concerned, it was felt that the best time to meet on the asbestos study would be the afternoon of April 11th at 2:30 here in the Council's office.

To accomodate this new commitment the schedule for the two days' activities has been arranged as follows:

APRIL 11, 1972

9:30 a.m. - Environmental Control Committee

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2:30 p. m. to end of discussion - Environmental Control and Accident Prevention Committee members meet with Arthur D. Little team on asbestos standard impact.

APRIL 12, 1972

9:30 a. m. to 11:45 a. m. - Accident Prevention Committee

11:45 a. m. to 2:00 p. m. - James Van Namee - Commissioner, OSHA Commission to meet informally with Committee and answer questions on OSHA Commission Procedures followed by Luncheon in Watergate Terrace Room - James Van Namee guest.

2:00 p. m. to 4:00 p. m. - Accident Prevention Committee

It may be that your company will wish to have a person not on either Committee also to attend the conference with the Arthur D. Little representatives. No special arrangements will be necessary but it will be appreciated if you will advise the undersigned.

As you know, OSHA is scheduled to set standards for the control of asbestos dust in April so that unless your views are available by April 11th there will be little opportunity for their consideration along with that from other sources. To expedite matters and make it possible to arrive at a perfection of shipyard's views, it is urged that each member of Accident Prevention Committee complete and send one copy of the enclosed form in the envelope provided to Dr. Meals at Arthur D. Little, Inc. so that it will arrive by Monday, April 10.

Please bring the second copy of the form to the April 11 conference on April 11. Dr. Meals will present to the group the combined results of the separate responses without identification of the individual response information.

I understand you will then be asked to reconsider your judgments, changing them if you wish or holding to your previous estimate. This procedure, according to Dr. Meals, is an adoptation of the DELPHI technique that has been employed with considerable success in other situations where it is necessary to make use of expert opinion.

Please return your card for the April 12 meeting, if you have not already done so, and also complete and return the enclosed 2nd

card indicating if you will attend or be represented at the April 11th conference on asbestos standards impact on shipyards.

An agenda and related information for the April 12th meeting is being forwarded under separate cover.

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4. NAVY SHIPYARDS PANEL

21 March 1972

Mr. Joseph Bee
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Dear Mr. Bee:

Occupational Safety and Health Administration of The Department of Labor is currently engaged in establishing standards that will help protect the health of workers exposed to asbestos dust. One of a number of issues raised by alternative standards under consideration is their impact on governmental and private activities. Arthur D. Little, Inc. has been engaged by The Department of Labor to assist in assessing this impact.

A review of the uses of asbestos in government-related activities has indicated to us that most occur in shipbuilding and repair. Accordingly, we have been requested by The U. S. Department of Labor to ask you for assistance. Our assessment should include Navy shipyards, ship repair facilities and fleet repair employing tender operations. Information on private shipyards is also important to us. We understand that it will be necessary to obtain such data through the supervisor of shipbuilding having cognizance over administrative and technical aspects of the construction of Navy ships in each private shipyard. Your coordinating role in safety and fire protection promises to provide the most comprehensive coverage possible of all these activities. I hope you will be able to assist us in obtaining the information we need within the next two weeks.

To anticipate how new standards for asbestos will affect workers in shipyards we need to have information on as many of the following questions as possible.

1. What level of protection is provided to those working with asbestos? This, of course, asks for a statement of current standards and practices. Since we are identifying alternative standards by the number of fibers/cc greater than 5μ , it would be most helpful to have the information you provide in these terms. If current protection levels can be related to the operations where they apply your data would be especially useful.