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DATE: 1952

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Barry I. Castleman ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT / Box 230A Valley Road, Knoxville, Maryland 21758 / 301-834-7787

April 5, 1981

Mr. James Walker

Dear Jim,

I was flipping through an old file and came across a letter from you to Ron Motley, May 12, 1980. In it you mentioned that ~~you mention that~~ you were investigating the voluntary compensation by Unarco of someone for GI cancer. I would appreciate your sending me the items referred to in that letter, showing Unarco's passage of funds to Mrs. Szczesniak in 1952. Of course, I'd be interested in anything along these lines that you've come up with since.

Enclosed, for your information, is an article on Johns-Manville's exploits in Asia.

With all best wishes,

Barry

~~SW~~ gather everything we have, & make copies, back to me

Barry,
Thank you for your article. Enclosed are copies of all the documents we have re the 1951 colon cancer.

Jim

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REMITTANCE ADVICE

UNION ASBESTOS & RUBBER COMPANY

VOUCHER

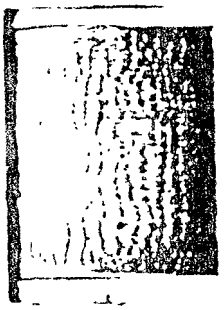
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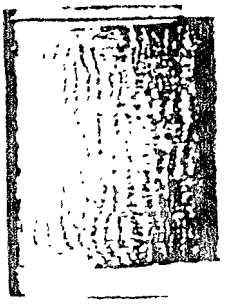
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EMPLOYERS INSURANCE FUND

IF THIS STATEMENT IS NOT CORRECT PLEASE RETURN CHECK, STATING DIFFERENCE.

INVOICE DATE	INVOICE NUMBER	VOUCHER NUMBER	ACCOUNT CHARGED	CREDITS	DEBITS	BALANCE
4-4-52		351000		2000 00		2000 00





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Szczesniak

April 4, 1952.

Mr. W. S. Haines,
Safety & Claims Service, Inc.
175 W. Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Haines:-

In accordance with your telephone conversation of this date with Mr. Edward Hayes, we are enclosing herewith check in the amount of $2000.00 made payable to Irene L. Szczesniak, for herself, and Kenneth Szczesniak, Minor.

Yours very truly,

UNION ASBESTOS & RUBBER COMPANY

John H. Balch
Vice President and Treasurer

JHB:S.

MINUTES OF MEETING
ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - FIBROUS PRODUCTS DIVISION
July 9, 1951

- Minutes of the Administrative Committee of the Fibrous Products Division meeting of July 2nd were approved.

- Mr. Myers reported that Gustin-Bacon are taking a large part of the market for duct insulation, are advertising heavily in publications and have approached Owens-Illinois about the possibility of taking over the Kaylo line. At the present time we have no duct insulation which is a very important item for distributors of insulation. Gustin-Bacon are selling many of our distributors Ultralite duct insulation which Mr. Myers believes is the best one on the market today. Mr. Cryor asked if a garnetted felt would be competitive to this Ultralite duct insulation. Mr. Myers said that in his opinion - both price-wise and for character - he doubts if it could compete. Mr. Cryor asked how the present Ultralite material is being made and Mr. Johnson replied that he believed that the cut strands in it are being added in the forming hood. Mr. Myers said he believed that the Ultralite is being made on an Aerocor machine. There was a discussion of the manufacture of Ultralite and its advantages over Aerocor as a duct liner. Gustin-Bacon are selling Ultralite duct liner for about $10.00 per thousand board feet cheaper, or 1¢ a foot cheaper than we can buy Aerocor from Owens-Corning. Mr. Cryor said that Mr. Myers points up the need of a facility of our own to make glass, but that this is a large project and we do not even have a prototype of a product which we wish to make. There was a discussion of what could be developed using Amosite that might compete on a limited basis for a time. Mr. Myers said that we have proved that we can sell Aerocor on a limited basis and that Aerocor has a market of its own in many and varied fields. He thinks that TWF white wool or Amosite could be used as a stiffner with Aerocor for duct insulation. Mr. Myers also said that he thought we would have no problem of selling Aerocor now or in the immediate future or foreseeable future on the size operation he contemplates we should have for a glass making facility. He believes that our industrial distribution could take the amount we would make and a discussion of that point ensued.

There followed a discussion of our place in the glass fabrication business, its origins with us, the changed position we find ourselves in now and Owens-Corning's change of ideas. Mr. Myers mentioned the fact that competition is riding us very hard in the glass fabrication business. Mr. Cryor mentioned that the Bloomington plant was being put up as a glass fabrication plant. Mr. Myers said the situation has changed since that plan was presented. Mr. Cryor stated that previously he thought that raw material was the difficult point but that if that could be solved the fabrication business would be satisfactory. Now Mr. Myers indicates that this is not true, that the cost of raw material will not allow us to compete in the glass fabrication business. Mr. Johnson stated that he felt we should consider Aerocor as Aerocor from the economic standpoint of its manufacture and sale and not have it tied up with any particular product. He would like to know what would be the market for it over the next four or five years. Would the government take it all? There was a discussion of markets for Aerocor, the future of the glass fabrication business and the problem of raw material supply. Mr. Johnson feels that we are in trouble on raw material on glass, both from the standpoint of obtainability and price-wise from the present source, and asked if it would be possible for us to get raw material, both price-wise and delivery-wise, from some one else or if we have to manufacture our own raw material to stay in the glass fabrication business. He feels that if Owens-Corning gets in the fabrication business later as they give

indications of wanting to do then we may be in for some trouble from them, from the standpoint of competition. Mr. Myers repeated that if we want to be in the glass fabrication business then we must make our own fibre. It was concluded that Mr. Johnson is to get together his figures on the cost of equipment for manufacturing glass and every one was to keep alert to the situation and try to develop further information in all fields.

- Mr. Myers spoke of the present method of order handling and its bad effect on new customers. He cited the case of Eastern Refractories, a new customer whose order was "messed up" in the Manufacturing, Order and Insulation Departments. There is no way from the present setup to ship from different plants and have only one invoice for the customer. Mr. Cryor suggested that the Order Department and the Accounting Department should be brought into a meeting with the Sales and Manufacturing Departments to try to work out a better method of handling orders requiring shipment from different plants but which are all on the same customer's order. It was agreed that a meeting would be set up.

- Mr. Myers read a letter from Mr. Fehrs regarding an order for railroad blankets which had been lost because of price to Gustin-Bacon.

- Mr. Myers reported the resignation of Milford Turner.

- Mr. Myers said that we should retain our present chicken wire inventory.

- Mr. Cryor read a letter from Mr. Stein advising that there was some 6 oz. canvas material available at a favorable price but it was decided not to buy any quantity ahead as this would be inventory speculation.

- Mr. Myers asked about the location of the teletype and Mr. Cryor said he felt it should be at the east end of Mr. Myers' department. There followed a discussion of the location of the teletype. It was decided, if possible, to put it in the corridor outside of Mr. Podman's office; but if this proved impossible, that Mr. Cryor would work out a place for its location with Mr. Halle.

- Mr. Myers mentioned the location of branch offices, Pittsburgh specifically. He said John Mockler could obtain office space, including stenographic and telephone service, for a monthly rental of $125.00. Every one agreed that this was advisable and that the subject of telephone listing and name on the door should be discussed with Mr. Balch by Mr. Myers.

- Mr. Cryor said that the Gulf, Mobile & Ohio Railroad wished to use the ground north of the building which falls within our option to lease. They do not care to use the land unless we can give them a 6-month notice of our intention to exercise our opinion. Mr. Johnson stated that he is planning to bury oil tanks in Parcel "B". Mr. Cryor said that he is sure that we can get permission to bury the tanks there. Mr. Johnson said that a space of 35 x 100 feet in Parcel "B" is needed to bury the oil tanks and there is a possibility of adding a roadway across Parcel "B" at a later date. Furthermore, he assumes that the railroad would not change in any manner our trackage which we are now using. It was agreed by all that a 3 to 4-month notice of intention to use the land for our purposes would be much more preferable than a 6-month notice if something on that order could be arranged.

- Mr. Cryor brought up the subject of a Hi-Read platform telescoper at a cost of $1000.00 to pick up glass and paper from a pile and transport it to the stitcher. This is a walking crane which can be pushed around. It was agreed to ask the Management Committee for approval to purchase this item.

11 - Mr. Cryor asked if any priority assistance was needed to complete the Bloomington project. Mr. Johnson said that he knows of no need for any today. Mr. Cryor then telephoned Mr. Stein and asked him if he needed any help in purchasing any items and Mr. Stein stated that as of today he did not, but that if the situation got any tighter priority assistance might be required. Therefore, it was decided to table this item for the time being.

(12) - Mr. Cryor brought up the subject of Anton Szczesniak, who died on April 27, 1951 after leaving our employ on January 30, 1951. He had been employed by our company for 22 years. Mr. Cryor read a letter from Mr. Hayes and one from Bill Haines on the subject. The man died from cancer of the intestinal tract. He had been at the head of the list of potential liability cases of those suffering from asbestosis. In the opinion of the Administrative Committee it was recommended that the Management Committee be asked to spend a sum of between $1500 and $3000 to have the widow release any claims she might think she had against the company. This would be done after a discussion with Messrs. Haines and Angerstein.

13 - The subject of putting the engineering offices in the space at present occupied by the Sales and Manufacturing Departments after they have gone was briefly discussed and it was agreed that this should be done.

14 - Mr. Cryor brought up the subject of hiring additional storage facilities at Marshville. A brick school building with an asbestos tile roof, which has about 8300 sq. feet of floor space and is about five miles from town, can be had for a rental of $100.00 per month. Mr. Cryor thinks that this is a far better proposition for storage space than any of the other buildings offered for rent at Marshville, and it was agreed that Mr. Novak should be authorized to rent that space.

15 - Mr. Cryor brought up the subject of a letter from Mr. Shuman on the backlog of orders for pipe covering at Paterson. At present he has only $53,000 list backlog against $125,000 capacity. Mr. Myers thinks that this will increase enough to take up the productive capacity of the Paterson manufacturing facilities.

16 - Mr. Cryor asked about the garnetting equipment at Bloomington. Mr. Johnson replied that outside people are working on an oven design for this equipment. There then followed a discussion of the Bloomington project as a whole and Mr. Johnson stated that at the moment he felt it was going forward as rapidly as possible.

A. Arthur Halle, Jr.

A. ARTHUR HALLE, JR.
Secretary

CC - Messrs. R.E.Cryor
E.T.Johnson
F.L.Myers

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ORIGINAL

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

STATE OF ILLINOIS 32

STATE FILE NO. 26888

DECEDENT'S BIRTH NO.

DIST. NO. 3104 REG. NO.

1. PLACE OF DEATH
a. COUNTY: Cook — ILLINOIS
b. CITY OR TOWN (If outside corporate limits, write RURAL and give township): Chicago
c. LENGTH OF STAY (In this place): 42 YEARS
d. FULL NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION (If not in hospital or institution, give street address or location): MERCY HOSPITAL

2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution: residence before admission).
a. STATE: ILLINOIS
b. COUNTY: COOK
c. CITY OR TOWN (If outside corporate limits, write RURAL and give township): CHICAGO
d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location): 2542 NO. ST. LOUIS AVENUE

3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or Print): a. (First) ANTON; b. (Middle); c. (Last) SZCZESNIAK

4. DATE OF DEATH (Month) (Day) (Year): APRIL 27, 1951

5. SEX: MALE

6. COLOR OR RACE: WHITE

7. MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (Specify): MARRIED

8. DATE OF BIRTH: 6 17 1908

9. AGE (In years last birthday): 42 — If Under 1 Year: Months / Days; If Under 24 Hrs.: Hrs. / Min.

10a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired): WEAVER

10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY: ASBESTOS COMPANY

11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country): CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY?: U.S.A.

13. FATHER'S NAME: NICHOLAS SZCZESNIAK

14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: BARBARA SOWOLESKI

15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U. S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown): NO — (If yes, give war or dates of service)

16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.: 343-101953

17. INFORMANT (Complete following Special Instructions on this Item)
a. Signature: [signature]
b. Address: 2537 PRAIRIE AVENUE
c. Relationship to the deceased: HOSPITAL RECORDS

18. CAUSE OF DEATH

I. DISEASE OR CONDITION DIRECTLY LEADING TO DEATH* (*This does not mean the mode of dying, such as heart failure, asthenia, etc. It means the disease, injury or complication which caused death. ENTER ONLY ONE CAUSE PER LINE FOR (a), (b), and (c).)

		INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH
Direct cause (a)	CARCINOMATOSIS - ORIGIN UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN
ANTECEDENT CAUSES — Morbid conditions, if any, giving rise to the above cause (a), stating the underlying cause last. Due to (b)		
Due to (c)		

II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS
Conditions contributing to the death, but not related to the disease or condition causing death

19a. DATE OF OPERATION

19b. MAJOR FINDINGS OF OPERATION

19. AUTOPSY? YES ☐ NO ☒

20a. ACCIDENT SUICIDE HOMICIDE (specify)

20b. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office bldg., etc.)

20c. (CITY, TOWN, OR TOWNSHIP) (COUNTY) (STATE)

20d. TIME OF INJURY (Month) (Day) (Year) (Hour)

20e. INJURY OCCURRED While at work ☐ Not While at Work ☐

20f. HOW DID INJURY OCCUR?

21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from APRIL 2, 51 to APRIL 27, 51, that I last saw the deceased alive on APRIL 27, 51, and that death occurred at 3:53 P.M., from the causes and on the date stated above.

22a. SIGNATURE (Degree or Title): Eugene M. Monette M.D.

22b. ADDRESS AND PHONE NO.: 2537 PRAIRIE AVENUE VI2-4700

22c. DATE SIGNED: 4/27/51

DISPOSITION

BURIAL—CREMATION—RECEPTION (date): [illegible] 1-1 1951

Cemetery: St. Adalbert's

Location: Niles

FUNERAL DIRECTOR

Firm Name: Conrad J. Kozak Funeral Home

Address: 1332 W. 18th Chicago Ills.

Signature: Conrad J. Kozak — License Number: 1376

RECEIVED FOR FILING ON: 1951 APR 29 PM 12 53

Signed: SUB REGISTRAR / DEPUTY REGISTRAR

LOCAL REGISTRAR: Address: [illegible] ILLINOIS

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County Clerk

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IRENE L. SZCZESNIAK, FOR HERSELF AND KENNETH SZCZESNIAK, MINOR.

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