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TO: R. J. Kujawa (Zonolite/Libby) DATE: March 19, 1968

FROM: Peter Kostic SUBJECT: Industrial Hygiene Survey

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This is to explain further the proposed survey of our Libby operations by a Johns-Manville Industrial Hygienist. Because of their experience with Asbestos fibers and dusts in general, we have solicited their assistance in this regard. Although this has been in the discussion stage for some time now, it was not until a few days ago that I was able to button things up with J.M.

The survey will be conducted by their Industrial Hygiene Supervisor Ralph Hindmarch during the week of July 15, 1968. I will arrive there the week of July 8, conduct my annual safety survey and coordinate the industrial hygiene survey. His equipment will be shipped to Libby prior to his arrival there.

In order that he may do some preliminary planning and to better acquaint him with the material, Mr. Hindmarch has asked that we send him the following:

1. Drawings of the layout of the Dry Mill, each floor.
2. Whatever photographs of the Dry Mill you may have.
3. Sample of raw ore (approx. two tablespoons full).
4. Sample of ore, just before expansion.
5. Sample of expanded vermiculite (as it is tagged).

Will you please send this material to him at the Johns-Manville Research and Engineering Center, P. O. Box 159, Manville, New Jersey. If you'd like drawings or photographs returned to you I would suggest you mention this to him in your cover letter. Although Hindmarch did not ask for reports of previous samplings, he might want to see them while he's there. So that I may be kept abreast, I would appreciate your notifying me when the material has been sent to him.

The purpose of this survey is to determine if we have a dust problem. How extensive it may be, its source, and eventually, the recommended corrective action. No blame-finding or criticism is intended. Needless to say, things should be as normal as possible. Nothing extra should be done by way of clean-up, adjustments in ventilation, reduction in production, etc. to give a more favorable picture. If we have a problem, let's find out as much as we can about it and then decide what has to be done.

M. J. Kuyawa

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Since we do not want to generate undue apprehension and because your employees know that air sampling is done routinely by your own personnel, I think it would be well to just let it be known that the industrial hygiene survey in July is just part of my annual safety survey.

I shall keep you posted as to exact time of arrival, motel reservations, etc. at a later date. If there are any questions I shall be glad to answer them for you.

Peter Kostic
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P.S. Although I had indicated that we would pay all expenses in connection with this survey, J-M would have none of it. We have but to pick up their man in Spokane when he arrives there.

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No answer yet ??*