PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

BOND-513

August 26, 1977

Dr. Lawrence Kushner, Commissioner
Consumer Product Safety Commission
1111 18th Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20207

Dear Dr. Kushner:

You requested a follow up on several questions asked during my appearance before the Commission at the Public Hearing regarding the proposed ban on respirable free-form asbestos containing wall patching compounds.

A review of our figures would indicate that the raw material cost only on asbestos free Pre-Mixed Joint Compound is 15% higher than that same product made with asbestos.

As to testing of substitute materials, we attach copy of a report which is self-explanatory covering both Attapulgus Clay (Attapulgite) and Calcium Carbonate.

We trust this provides the additional information you desired for your final determination on the subject.

A copy of this letter and four additional copies of the test report have been forwarded to the office of the assistant secretary.

Sincerely yours,

BONDEX INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Julius K. Nemeth

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cc: Mr. Sheldon D. Butts
Assistant Secretary