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J. L. WESCOAT

DATE August 16, 1974

TO E. T. Gellenbeck
Attn: R. E. Bistline

C.C. J. L. Wescoat

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ASBESTOS WICKING AND
ROPE SUBSTITUTE

Your letter of August 7, 1974, asked for our recommendations concerning the suitability of Thermo-Chem 770 as a substitute for the asbestos wicking and rope previously stocked in the Storehouse.

As you recognized, this is a glass fiber material manufactured by Johns-Manville. It has better heat resistance, less weight loss in acid, equally good resistance to caustic, and a higher tensile strength than asbestos. Cost is essentially the same. In the 3/4" size it costs $.37/ft. versus $.42/ft. for asbestos; in the 1" size it costs $.69/ft. versus $.64/ft. for asbestos.

In short, this is one of the rare instances where you can obtain a better material for about the same cost.

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