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Memorandum For: MEMBERS

Subject: Items of Interest

The following items are invited to your attention:

A. NIOSH Study on "Re-examination and Update of Information on the Health Effects of Occupational Exposure to Asbestos" -- The NIOSH document recommending OSHA reduce the asbestos standard for occupational exposure to 0.1 f/cc and Association statement prepared for use in responding to pertinent queries were forwarded to members by memoranda dated December 21 and January 6 respectively. The NIOSH study was transmitted to Dr. Corn, Assistant Secretary of Labor (OSHA), and Dr. Theodore Cooper, Assistant Secretary for Health, Department of Health, Education and Welfare by separate correspondence dated December 15 and signed by Dr. John F. Finklea, Director, NIOSH. Copies of Dr. Finklea's forwarding memoranda have been obtained and are forwarded for information.

Members will recall that the AIA/NA memo. of January 6 which forwarded the Association statement also made reference to a letter being set to Dr. Corn with regard to the NIOSH document. This letter dated January 5 over the signature of Mr. Gabrielson, Chairman of AIA/NA's Asbestos Regulation Task Force, was hand delivered on January 10. (See copy enclosed.)

B. Asbestos in 1976 -- Preliminary production and consumption data concerning asbestos during 1976 in the United States as prepared by the Bureau of Mines dated January 4 are enclosed.

C. OSHA Policy Papers to Transition Team -- OSHA has transmitted a number of policy papers to President-elect Carter's transition team on key issues facing the agency. The following have been selected as being of particular interest to members and are enclosed:

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