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Dear Bob,

We have been corresponding from time-to-time, and occasionally discussing the rather wide-spread publicity that has appeared dealing with the possible hazards to health resulting from handling asbestos and asbestos products. I am sure you are still accumulating information on this subject.

You may have seen a very unfortunate article entitled "Asbestos: Awaiting Trial" that appeared in the September 10 issue of 'Chemical Week'.(a copy is enclosed). Because this article, appearing in an important technical journal, is so inaccurate, irresponsible and apparently inspired, the Asbestos Textile Institute, of which we are members, made an investigation with McGraw-Hill -- who have since expressed regret at the article's publication, explaining that the article was produced by an inexperienced reporter who apparently explored one side of the problem (with Drs. Selikoff and Churg). McGraw-Hill have indicated embarrassment that the article was not properly checked by senior editorial members, but, in any case, they have published two letters in rebuttal. I enclose these letters by Mr. Roger Hackney of Johns Manville, and Dr. M. C. Brown of the Public Health Service, which were published in the October 8 issue of 'Chemical Week'.

The original article is so damaging that the letters in rebuttal are not likely to help very much except that I think Mr. Hackney's letter is a very reasoned and thoughtful statement on the subject. Several companies in the asbestos textile industry are supplying copies, of the page in 'Chemical Week' showing these letters, to their sales personnel who have encountered problems on this subject.

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If you have not already seen these items you may find them of some interest.

Also, for whatever it is worth to you, I enclose copy of a letter issued by Jim Galloway, who is the Sales Director of Cape Insulation Limited/ London (manufacturers of Capesite Insulation). This letter, as you will note, has been issued to the principal sales personnel of Cape Insulation.

With very best regards.

Sincerely yours,

NORTH AMERICAN ASBESTOS CORPORATION

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