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Dear Mr. Hoopes:

Our discussion on January 24, 1967, covered the main points of our study of occupational health hazards in the asbestos products industry. I would like to summarize these points as an aid to further consideration of our request for your participation in this study.

The Occupational Health Program of the National Center for Urban and Industrial Health, U. S. Public Health Service, has for many years been engaged in research into the origin and control of occupational diseases. This research has most often taken the form of epidemiologic studies in which the worker's health and work environment are measured over a period of time, and levels of various potential hazards in the environment are correlated with worker health so as to yield an estimate of the safe level of exposure to an occupational hazard in a particular industry.

Several years ago various industry groups requested that we conduct such a study in the asbestos products industry. The need for a study to redefine the health problems associated with this known occupational hazard developed from reported observations of an association between lung cancer and asbestos. Since our agency was known as a technically competent impartial research organization we were asked to conduct a study.

The design of this research project is detailed in the enclosed paper "Study of the Asbestos Products Manufacturing Industry in the United States" by Lewis J. Cralley. The baseline in-plant data development involves the collecting of airborne dust and other samples and the interviewing of all workers using the attached questionnaire. The medical studies referred to are not being considered at this time and will only involve selected plants as arranged by further discussions.

We would like to include the "Pabco" plant of the Fibreboard Paper Products Corporation in our study. It is contemplated that we will be surveying several plants in California in May or June 1967 and would spend about one week at your plant if you agree to participate.

Thank you for your interest in our study.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures