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LABELLING OF ASBESTOS-CONTAINING
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Dr. Kenneth Smith, Medical Director of J-M, told me some weeks ago that he had recommended to J-M management that certain J-M asbestos-containing products be labeled to indicate the alleged hazards of asbestos. The J-M management and legal department have now decided to label their pre-formed products, such as Thermobestos, Super X, etc. by placing labels on the shipping cartons but not on the products, themselves. Dr. Smith estimates that the labeled cartons will not be in use until October, 1964.

It is obvious that these warning labels will have some impact in the field and possibly upon Public Health and other government officials.

The question before us is whether or not Fiberglas²⁰¹⁶ should protect itself against more stringent and punitive health laws and the possibility of third party actions by following the J-M lead.

I will appreciate your comments.

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