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EUROPEAN TRIP

The purposes of my forthcoming two-week trip to Great Britain and Belgium are as follows:

I. First week in Great Britain

A. Discussions with Turner Brothers Asbestos Co. personnel, particularly Dr. Stephen Holmes on the following subjects:

1. Sampling and analysis techniques for asbestos fiber in the workplace.

2. Sampling and analysis techniques for asbestos fiber in community air, including interiors of public buildings.

3. Review of the recently implemented Asbestos Industry Regulations as set forth by the British government.

4. Examination of the asbestos textile manufacturing techniques used in their Rochdale Plant.

B. Discussions with Mr. Alex Cross of Cape Asbestos Co., Ltd., covering the following subjects:

1. Latest industrial hygiene engineering techniques for control of asbestos fiber dust.

2. Recent medical studies concerning asbestos related disease.

3. Problems encountered by the asbestos industry in implementing the new Asbestos Regulations.

Note: Alex Cross has requested through Michael Howe that I devote at least the equivalent of one full day to discussions with him.

C. Discussions and meetings with AIC Subcommittee members.

1. Obtain information concerning the operations of the Asbestos Information Committee, Great Britain, that might improve the performance of the AIA/NA Administrative Committee, specifically as regards environmental control.

II. Second week - Belgium

In early November 1970, I was requested by D. T. Colton to establish an industrial hygiene facility at Mol Plant that would serve both Mol and Ghent. This request resulted from a visit to Mol by Messrs. Burnett and Colton. Plans to establish this facility were formulated in a preliminary manner and submitted to G. Jacobs, Plant Manager. Subsequently, Mr. Jacobs recommended to Messrs. Jobe and Colton, during their visit in January 1971, that instead of establishing our own survey facility, we use the services of the "Association des Industriels Belges (A.I.B.)". Messrs. Colton and Jobe agreed to this recommendation. Therefore during my trip I will:

A. Meet with representatives of "A.I.B" and Johns-Manville - Belgium to:

1. Review sampling, testing, and analysis procedures used by "A.I.B."

2. Visit Mol and Ghent Plants with representatives of "A.I.B." and Johns-Manville to establish industrial hygiene survey station locations -- type and number.

3. Establish with "A.I.B." reporting and comment procedures that they will use.

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