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ASEESTOS EXPOSURE HAZARDS

Since we didn't get to cover this subject at the Works Engineers' meeting, the following information is being supplied.

Referring to the chart on Textile Fibers' Proposed Program, I first want to emphasize that you should advise all exempt personnel immediately so that they will be in a position to answer questions, and that you take this story to the wage roll as soon as you are ready in order to quell rumors. If you have any exceptions or additions to the proposed program, please advise.

Referring to the page entitled Legal Problems:

- The consultants retained by the national union are legal (to prosecute health claims) and medical (to research the health hazards involved). This medical research has been put together in the form of records, tape recordings, etc., which have been supplied to all local union halls.
- The two instances at Waynesboro concerned workers who informed Construction supervision that their personal doctors had said they had asbestosis. No further action has yet been taken.
- Not included in the information you received were the facts about a most recent death of an Armstrong insulation worker at Chattanooga. His widow has been asking questions about asbestos exposure health hazards and making overtones of lawsuit. No formal action or declaration of intent has been made to date.

Referring to Construction Division's program:

- This program has been approved by Construction Division management and will be carried to personnel at the sites about mid-March. We will keep you advised of this action.

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- The instrument that Construction is using to analyze the dust level is a small battery operated dust pump and filter called "Mighty-Mite", Model 440A, by Union Instrument Company.
- With reference to outlawing crocidolite, Purchasing is checking with vendors at Construction's request to determine what materials contain this form of asbestos. We will advise you of the results. Construction also plans to present this to the Subcommittee on Thermal Insulation sometime in March or April.

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