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Dear Mr. Curran:

In reply to your letters of August 20 and 21, we enclose herein a booklet prepared by the Italian Talc people which gives you some background concerning cosmetic, pharmaceutical talcs in general and Italian talc in particular. It also contains a nearly complete report on the work done by Professor Rubino.

We believe that, if you will review this booklet, it will enable you to understand what the Italian talc picture is. In addition, as time goes along, we could have made available to you a great deal of literature and test results by the industry on both Italian and Montana talcs. There is in our office a voluminous file which tracks the whole history of the controversy of asbestos in talcs. At some later date, you might find it helpful to review this.

You will note in the Rubino report that there were no cases of Mesothelioma in either miners or millers even after more than forty years exposure and that exposure during periods of extremely high dust concentration due to the state of the art of dust control in the distant past.

We trust that the enclosed will be helpful to you. We would like to have actively investigated the possibility of Mr. Westfall's exposure to asbestos as having occurred prior to his employment

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at UniRoyal either in Service or some other job related contact.
We hope you will be successful in obtaining this information.

Please keep us fully advised of any developments which may occur.

Very truly yours,

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