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SUBJ: Sprayed Fiber Fireproofing

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Reference is made to Tom Egan's report on this subject, dated November 28, which was routed to me. I would just like to suggest before we create hysteria on this problem that we simultaneously do some fact developing of our own. At the time of our meeting with officials of the Public Health Service, we had very definite indications that they felt that Dr. Selikoff was inclined to overreact and approach the specific effects of asbestos with evangelistic zeal.

Secondly, I would like to point out again the result of the California test which showed that dust from spraying our product, both at the mixing point and at the spraying point, was at very low particle counts.

I suggest that now that the General Superintendents are trained to take sample counts and we have the necessary equipment that we arrange to have samples taken on two or three fireproofing job sites. Fred Eaton will provide a plan on where to take them. We then will have the samples analyzed for both particle count and also use the new asbestos fiber count technique. This will give us some facts to better assess the seriousness of the problem with Mono-Kote.

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