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Subject: Asbestos Study Committee
(Friction Materials)

Dear Fran:

This concerns the possible addition of a new committee within F.M.S.I. – an "Asbestos Study Committee" as discussed in Bulletin #406. A copy of Bulletin #406 is enclosed.

While the bulletin covers the essential points, I did want to make a personal contact to see if Bendix could contribute to such a committee.

Our concern is expressed for asbestos in brake linings because of several outside stimuli:

1. A proposed Illinois regulation: "The use of asbestos in brake lining of vehicles manufactured after January 1, 1975 and sold for use in Illinois is prohibited".

2. Possible effects of the new Occupational Health and Safety Act of 1970 as regards asbestos in the work place.

3. Some concern for particulates in the air – particularly asbestos in the air.

Fran, I don't really know what approach you would take. I do know that Bendix Research in Detroit has done some studying on particulates (rubber, asbestos, etc.) in the air. Also, perhaps at Troy or Cleveland someone has been made responsible for monitoring asbestos in the factory area.

If you have someone in either the factory area dealing with asbestos, or in the medical or hygiene area who could contribute, I'd appreciate word.

Let me have your comments on this.

Sincerely

Secretary

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