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Dear Dr. Selikoff:

As I believe you are aware, Matt Swetonic is no longer employed by the AIA/NA. He has advised me of your feeling that he acted improperly in supplying the Labor Department with a copy of Dr. Lewinson's letter commenting on your speech at the AINA Conference in Boston on May 21, 1973. As Matt is no longer Executive Secretary of AIA/NA I believe it is appropriate that I comment on the matter.

The AIA/NA, as its name indicates, was established to provide information on asbestos matters to member companies, customers and users of asbestos containing products and to government regulatory agencies.

We also have an educational responsibility. During the past year it has become quite apparent to me that communications between the scientific community concerned with the biological effects of asbestos and many asbestos products manufacturers have been less than perfect. We are endeavoring to fill this gap by providing to our membership, as promptly as possible, whatever information becomes available on the subject. For this reason we distributed to our membership a transcript of your remarks at the AINA Conference and a copy of Dr. Lewinson's response.

Because we were aware that the asbestos regulations might be reevaluated, we believed it important that the Labor Department be provided with the same information so that it may be transmitted to the Advisory Committee on Asbestos Dusts for consideration if such a committee is appointed.

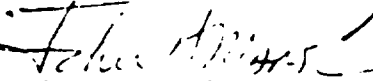


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We shall be happy to provide the Department with additional information as it becomes available, including your letter of August 13 to Dr. Lewinsohn and his reply should there be one.

We believe it is essential that industry and the scientific community work together effectively for the benefit of asbestos industry employees and assure you of our sincere desire to assist in achieving this objective.

Sincerely,



John H. Marsh
President