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there were more information concerning the Department of Transportation's interest in this area. One Member suggested that if NHTSA did have such a question under study that the Asbestos Information Association would have picked up this information by now. Counsel suggested that a search could be made on laws and regulations concerning recalls of automotive equipment under the Motor Vehicle Safety and Standards Act. If a search on this subject and a report to the Board of Directors was desired it could be done. The Secretary indicated that he would ask the Board of Directors concerning whether a search and report concerning DOT recall procedures should be made.

OSHA GENERIC STANDARD

The OSHA Generic Standard in essence would classify various materials as to whether they are known carcinogenic, carcinogenic suspects or other. In the case of asbestos, it would be a Type I or a known carcinogen. In this case, according to the OSHA Generic Standards, the concentrations of asbestos in the workplace must be held to the lowest feasible level. It has not been decided at this time whether this OSHA Generic Standard would replace the Asbestos Standard now in place. Hearings have been held in Washington over the past several months concerning this Generic Standard but it will be sometime before additional rulemaking is made.

INSTITUTE SPONSORSHIP OF ASBESTOS SEMINAR

The Institute sponsored an Asbestos Seminar in December 1975 at which several parties made presentations. One of the highlights was the talk by Mr. Byung Kwon of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. It was been suggested and recommended by the President that the Institute consider sponsoring another seminar. At the January 1978 Committee meeting it was voted that the Committee did not feel it appropriate to have a seminar until such time as the work practices booklet had been completed. It might be appropriate if the work practices booklet is finished and ready for distribution that a seminar be coupled with its initial distribution. The Committee felt that this condition has not changed and that until such time that there is a booklet to distribute that there would be no purpose in holding a seminar.

The Secretary advised that on August 2, 1978 Dr. William Nicholson of Mount Sinai had come to the Office to talk with Mr. Wagner and the Secretary. Questions by Dr. Nicholson concerned the forms in which asbestos-bearing brake linings had been used over the past many years. He was looking for information as to when molded linings replaced woven linings, and when bonded undrilled linings came onto the marketplace. He was also concerned with the amount of work done in brake shops, and whether they cut, drill and otherwise machine friction materials or whether they just install an assembly. Mr. Wagner and the Secretary had as best they could filled Dr. Nicholson in on this type information at this informal meeting. Before Dr. Nicholson departed, the Secretary asked whether he or others at Mount Sinai would be willing to address a seminar if the Institute were to sponsor such an affair. The Secretary indicated that Dr. Nicholson stated that he would be happy to accept such an invitation. It was suggested that if a seminar is held, consideration be given to inviting either Dr. Nicholson or someone from Mount Sinai for a presentation.