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Dear Athol:

At the request of Lutz Siebart, we are enclosing copies of two recent pieces of literature put out by Johns-Manville.

You may be aware of the allegations recently published in the news media that Johns-Manville and other asbestos companies were aware of the hazards associated with asbestos-containing insulation products as early as 1930. J-M's response to these allegations was made by Francis H. May, Jr., Executive Vice President, and G. Earl Parker, Vice President and General Counsel, in a testimony to the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Compensation, Health and Safety. A summary of Mr. May's and Mr. Parker's Testimony is attached for your review.

Also enclosed is the latest in a series of advertisements being run by Johns-Manville in Business Week (U.S. Industrial Edition). We feel strongly that when asbestos is "locked-in" to a product, the product can be used safely and industry can continue to take advantage of the unique properties of asbestos.

We hope you find this information of interest. If you would like additional copies, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours very truly,

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Enclosures

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