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GENTLEMEN:

WE ARE ALL AWARE OF THE ADVERSE PUBLICITY WHICH HAS BEEN IN THE NEWS-PAPERS FOR SOME MONTHS NOW, GENERATED BY DR. I. SELIKOFF CONCERNING THE DANGERS OF ASBESTOSIS. AS WE HAD DISCUSSED AT SOME OF OUR PREVIOUS MEETINGS, THIS SHOULD BE A MATTER OF GRAVE CONCERN TO US AND MIGHT HAVE VIOLENT REPERCUSSIONS WHICH COULD AFFECT OUR VARIOUS BUSINESSES.

DR. SELIKOFF HAPPENS TO BE MY PERSONAL PHYSICIAN, AND I VISITED WITH HIM ON TUESDAY, MAY 10TH TO HAVE MY ANNUAL PHYSICAL. DURING THE COURSE OF OUR CONVERSATIONS, IT WAS BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION THAT CONTACT HAS BEEN MADE WITH DR. SELIKOFF BY AN ARCHITECT IN CANADA, CALLING ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT USING SPRAYED FIBRE AS A FIREPROOFING MEDIUM IN RETURN AIR PLENUMS, SUBJECTS THE PEOPLE OCCUPYING THE BUILDING TO ASBESTOS DUST, BY VIRTUE OF EROSION OF THAT MATERIAL DURING THE USE OF THE PLENUM CHAMBER. I POINTED OUT TO DR. SELIKOFF HOW ERRONEOUS THIS WAS, BY VIRTUE OF THE FACT THAT THE FILTERING APPARATUS IN THE AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM WOULD CATCH ANY DUST, AND FURTHERMORE, WE TREATED THE SPRAYED MATERIALS TO PREVENT THIS EROSION AND DUSTING.

I THINK IT OF VITAL IMPORTANCE THAT AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING, WHICH SHOULD BE VERY SOON, THIS MATTER SHOULD BE PUT ON THE AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION AND DETERMINATION AS TO A COURSE OF ACTION TO BE TAKEN.

I HAD A VERY BRIEF DISCUSSION WITH JIM VERHALEN BY TELEPHONE TODAY CONCERNING THIS MATTER, WHICH HAS GENERATED THIS ROUND ROBIN LETTER. WE HAVE SOME THOUGHTS ON THE SUBJECT WHICH SHOULD BE DISCUSSED RATHER EXHAUSTIVELY AT OUR NEXT BOARD MEETING, AND I JUST WANTED TO ADVISE YOU THAT THIS SHOULD BE ON THE AGENDA AT THAT MEETING, AND WE SHOULD ARRIVE AT SOME COURSE OF ACTION.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

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