PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

FD-1239

Intra Company

Automotive Assembly Division
Wixom Assembly Plant

March 8, 1973

To: R.H. Yapp

Subject: Asbestos Dust

Persuant to our telephone conversation of today, the following information is being resubmitted:

We have surveyed the Wixom Plant in accordance with your communication regarding the above subject to determine where possible exposure to asbestos dust exists. We have located one part that contains asbestos, the left side engine motor heat shield--- part # D3L6[illegible]. This is handled by one man a shift and at the time of our study, he was handling about 20 pieces per hour. Because of the conformation of the part, however, it is my opinion that it would be highly unlikely that either of the employees is exposed to asbestos dust. Rework on this part is done by the vendor, not local forces.

The only real area where asbestos dust is encountered is in the repair of the overhead piping in the plant. This piping is covered in some areas with asbestos insulation. According to the Plant Engineering Manager, a piece of this may have to be cut approximately once a month to facilitate repairs to the pipe. The time of exposure would be no more than 20 minutes and the assignment would be handled by any of 41 different pipefitters. The assignment of this job would be on a purely random basis. All asbestos insulation so removed, incidently, is replaced with fibreglass.

If any further information is required regarding the above, please contact the writer at your convenience.

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Sr. Safety Engineer

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