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Capco - Ragland, Ala.

I called George Sidlo, new manager at Ragland to see how things were with him at present and to again discuss some of the ideas we had for future testing.

George was very cordial and agreeable and is still getting his feet wet in the operations of the Ragland plant. We discussed the use of Lake fibers in production blends of the past, and at present. In order to maintain their production, and because of an impending price rise, they are using Cassiar grades heavily and only about 40% Lake fibers in their blends. This compares with as much as 75% Lake in the past.

In the future the Lake fiber content will be increased, particularly since as many as five different fibers are now used in their blends.

George asked us to keep in touch and was happy to receive our Laboratory papers on "An Introduction to Asbestos" and "The Significance of Cement on Asbestos Cement Strength".

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