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PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT 206

7 November 1966

Bath Iron Works
700 Washington Street
Bath, Maine 04530

Attention: Mr. R. L. Lebel,
Purchasing Agent

Dear Mr. Lebel:

We wish to thank you for the courtesies extended to Walter G. Ahern when he recently called on you in the interest of asbestos textile materials.

Walter has written a complete report concerning his call and the concern you have for the use of asbestos cloth in your insulation room. We feel that the recent unfavorable publicity over the use of asbestos fibers in many different kinds of industries has been a gross exaggeration of the problems. There is no data available to either prove or disprove the dangers of working closely with asbestos.

Walter will, or already has, sent you a copy of a letter to the editor of "Chemical Week" which represents the position of our industry in this area.

We have from time to time recommended a finish on asbestos cloth which would tend to eliminate the amount of short asbestos fiber present when working with asbestos fabrics. By copy of this memo to our plant in Charleston, S. C. I am requesting that they send to you a two yard sample of R/H Style 10P225 Underwriters grade with a treatment described as HSHC. I think when you have looked carefully at the sample you will note that it is a particularly good looking fabric and that the fibers have been coated and brushed so that they will not tend to migrate. We would be more than happy to supply you with additional samples or to quote on any requirements you might have for asbestos cloth of this type.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

W. Q. Scowcroft

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