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Via Air Mail
March 31, 1954

Mr. R. W. Harman, General Manager
The Colonial Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.
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Sydney, N.S.W., Australia

Dear Mr. Harman:

I have noted with interest the contents of your letter of March 26.

Although it is true that we are using from 20 to 30 percent of crocidolite asbestos fibre mixed with chrysotile fibre for the manufacture of asbestos-cement pressure pipe, and with much success, we would be reluctant at this time to prepare any technical data supporting these results.

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Also, it would be embarrassing to us to send you such a technical paper, which you in turn propose to use before the Tariff Board of Australia, as our relations with the James Hardie Company are very friendly and they are, of course, one of our good asbestos fibre customers. With our new chrysotile mine opening this fall in Southern Rhodesia, Africa, it is possible that our sales of fibre to this company may increase due to the possibility of such sales being made in sterling.

I am sure you understand our position, and in order to clarify this I am asking Mr. D. T. Colton to discuss the matter with you when he is in Sydney the end of April.

Kind personal regards.

Sincerely,

A. R. Fisher