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To (Name) Mr. William Thurber
Division Asbestos Department
Location 38th Floor

Date May 9, 1974

Originating Dept. Commercial Intelligence

Answering letter date Your note of May 6th.

Copy to

Subject Asbestos in reinforced plastics

Bill:

Sorry I didn't answer your note sooner, but I was away on a business trip until today.

The estimate of Asbestos potential for reinforcing thermoplastic resins in 1980, is an extention of the 4000 ton market suggested for 1973. Based on many estimates of annual growth for fiber reinforced plastics we selected 20-21% to be the most probable. The estimates obtained from Stanford Research, Owens Corning, Bound Brook (UCC), the UCC Market Research Dept.(Group I), and Modern Plastics Magazine, range from 18 to 23%.per year.

We also assumed that our realistic penetration of 25% would hold for 1980, since we had no information which would give us a reason to change.

All numbers, of course, have been rounded.

Best regards,

George J. Weihs

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