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Dear Dr. Ashton:

The National Bureau of Standards and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration are jointly sponsoring a workshop on "Asbestos: Definitions and Measurement Methods," to be held at the National Bureau of Standards on July 18-20, 1977.

As was discussed in our recent conversation, we would like you to present a paper at this Workshop. It is our plan to divide the workshop into four topical areas: a session on mineralogical nomenclature, a session on the relationships between the chemical and physical properties of fibers and health effects, a session on analytical methods, and a session on regulatory requirements. Based on our conversation with you, we have assigned your presentation to the session on Analytical Methods.

A tentative program is attached indicating speakers who have preliminarily agreed to give a presentation. It is our plan to print the formal meeting announcement as soon as possible; if you would like to make changes in the title, or session, of your paper, please call C. C. Gravatt (301-921-2852), prior to May 25th. In addition, if there are speakers whom you feel could make a substantial contribution to this meeting, but are not included in the program, please let us have that information also. The Meeting announcement will be available in approximately three weeks. We will be happy to send these announcements to people whom you suggest. We will also send you some extra announcements for you to distribute to others.

We have scheduled 30 minutes for your presentation. After each paper there will be a short discussion period, so please allow approximately five minutes for discussion. At the end of each session, there will be a general discussion covering all the material presented during that session. We plan to use this general discussion to develop a summary of the session indicating what is generally agreed to, what points of controversy exist, what the nature of the controversy is, and what additional work is required to attempt to resolve the problems.

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We will need a short abstract of your paper before June 17th, so that we can have abstracts available for the attendees at the Workshop. In addition, it is essential that we have your written manuscript at the time of the Workshop. The manuscripts, along with the discussion commentary, will comprise the Workshop *Proceedings* which will be published, as a National Bureau of Standards Special Publication, as quickly as possible. An author's guide will be sent to you along with the Meeting announcements for your use while preparing your manuscript.

We sincerely appreciate your agreeing to participate in this Workshop and look forward to a very productive meeting in July.

Sincerely,

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