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Mr. J. M. Barnhart
Executive Secretary
National Insulation Manufacturers Association, Inc.
441 Lexington Avenue
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Dear Mr. Barnhart:

We have given your letter of February 13, 1967, and the material previously sent us, considerable study.

As indicated in the numerous reprints and other material you forwarded, a great deal of work has been devoted to defining the biological activity of fibrous glass. We were impressed with the excellent work reported in many of the articles. Any one research report, however, represented a limited scope of activity, so that the various reports did not have a close tie-in reflecting the experience of groups of workers in the industry.

We believe a primary weakness in the knowledge now available on the health effects of exposure to fibrous glass is the lack of detailed epidemiologic information wherein exposures in the work environment and the health patterns of the workers are correlated so that a quantitative relationship can be established between exposure levels and a health profile of the group under study.

A broadly-based epidemiologic study of this nature in the fibrous glass industry would provide very useful information to supplement research of the past and provide answers for the many questions now arising which the past research did not do.

Sincerely yours,

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