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Dear Ms. Roemer:

This will confirm our discussion by telephone this afternoon regarding W. R. Grace & Company's review of additional materials on vermiculite which you propose to make publicly available. While officials at Grace conclude that certain proprietary information is contained in these materials, they will not now object to the release of this information since EPA already made this information publicly available in May, 1982. Unfortunately, the proprietary information released in May pursuant to a request under FOIA was not submitted to Grace for prior comment.

This will confirm our agreement by phone that you, on behalf of EPA, will not make publicly available any additional materials on vermiculite without giving Grace the opportunity to comment as to whether the materials contain proprietary information. As you know, W. R. Grace & Company has provided substantial information to EPA and its designated consultants to assist EPA in its review of vermiculite with an understanding that proprietary information would be treated confidentially. This is the basis for the agreement we have reached this afternoon.

W. R. Grace & Company looks forward to continuing its cooperative effort with EPA.

Sincerely,

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