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Mrs. Lucy B. McCrone
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Dear Lucy:

Pursuant to our phone conversation today, I am enclosing a copy of the comments sent to me by Arnold Schulze, FDA microscopist, concerning Part II of CTFA Method J4-1. I would greatly appreciate your own confidential comments with regard to:

1. The manner in which Part II (Asbestiform Amphibole Minerals by Optical Microscopy and Dispersion Staining) is written, in terms of its practical application by an optical microscopist of average competence.
2. Mr. Schulze's remarks about the method. Could his preferred Becke line technique possibly be specific enough for definitive identification of asbestiform amphiboles? We had originally employed dispersion staining because it was felt that R.I. measurement alone was non-specific.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Jack Schellz
John P. Schellz, Ph.D.
Central Analytical Laboratories

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Enclosure

cc: Dr. G. Kaplan/Dr. F. R. Rolle
Mr. G. Lee 