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Mr. Heinz J. Siemann
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On March 11th, 1976, Mr. Siemann --

-- the CTFA Talc Subcommittee met to discuss the current status of talc. It was recognized that a need exists to bring to your attention a profile of the analyses for asbestos form materials in talc used in the U.S. production of cosmetics and toiletry products.

The attached letters demonstrate responsibility of industry in monitoring its talcs. We are certain that the summary will give you assurance as to the freedom from contamination by asbestos form materials of cosmetic talc products.

Individual companies are more than willing to discuss the detailed data with you at your convenience.

Cordially,



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Attachments

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Norman F. Estrin, Ph.D.
FROM: Anita S. Curry
DATE: March 12th, 1976

Jim Jenkins called regarding the letter you have asked for on cotto
gent talc analyses. He wishes to inform you as to what they have
been doing:

1. Mr. Clements contacted Dr. Langer who gave him
the code on the Coty Airspan that was tested. .
It turns out that this was a July, 1969 produc-
tion item.
2. In 1970 Coty changed to a completely different
talc, since that time the supplier (WC&D) has
supplied letters to the effect that they do
continuous monitoring of production, even
though individual batches sold to Coty may not
be individually tested.
3. Coty has had tests run on intermittent batches
at the Pfizer Laboratory in Easton, Pennsylvania.
These were done by X-ray diffraction and TEM.
The results were all negative. Also, in the
last week they have tested 1974 and 1975 lots.
These too were negative.

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