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PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT GF-993

Subject: EPA ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY
RESEARCH TRIANGLE INSTITUTE
ATTACHED MEMO: J. E. Brown to L. Blecher, 2/20/80

Research Triangle Institute (RTI) has been retained by EPA to do an economic impact study on asbestos. This has been done so that EPA will have the data necessary to develop their economic impact statement for the proposed rulemaking on commercial and industrial use of asbestos fibers.

Needless to say, it is to GAF's and the asbestos industry's advantage that EPA receive an accurate report on the probable economic impact of the proposed regulations. Also, since GAF plans to meet with the people writing the regulations it will be to our advantage to be "cooperative". Another point is that it will be to our advantage to obtain a copy of the report for information on which to base our arguments.

However, the information requested is, it seems to me, trade secret type data which is definitely confidential. I do not have the experience to be in a position to guarantee that RTI can and will maintain the confidentiality.

I believe this reply is outside of the responsibility of my department. I will, however, be interested in the reply since this will impact on our meetings with EPA.

I believe Corporate Management should advise Marketing as to the information GAF will supply and the extent of GAF's cooperation in this study and that Marketing should complete the questionnaire.

L. Blecher

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