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Subject: MEETING DECEMBER 7, 1973 WITH PERSONNEL AT FDA,
WASHINGTON, D.C., TALC-ASBESTOS REGULATIONS

On December 7, 1973, Dr. George Wright, R. P. Carter, and
R. S. Lamar met with the following:

Dr. Ruth Curstine
Dr. Albert C. Colbey
Dr. Virgil Wodicka

Our impression of this group and their reaction to our presenta-
tion is quite different from the previous day's meeting with
the EDF and the Center for Science in the Public Interest.

We appear to be making progress with the FDA. They may com-
promise and apply controls just to talc as a direct food
additive. They appear cautious and want to receive as much
input as possible before reaching any conclusions. Their
reaction to the EDF and the CFS appears to be similar to ours.

The three above-mentioned people listened intently to
Dr. Wright's medical presentation and appeared to be well-
informed on this phase.

We went into a detailed discussion on the use of talc in the
pulp and paper industry. The results of our migration tests
were also described in detail.

They want our final reports on migration studies and our
proposed modification of their optical petrographic method.

They left open the door for future meetings. These are badly
needed and contrary to our feelings about EDF and CFS we should
continue to call on FDA people regularly. This relationship
should be cultivated.

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