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Thank you for your memo of 8th August.

I visited Mr. Jenkins, Standards Engineer at Stanlow, on Wednesday 9th August. It appears that he works on his own in the Standards Section and, therefore, owing to pressure of work generally follows Haven and Carrington policy as a matter of course.

He has specific instructions from his medical officer to find alternatives to asbestos cloth, lagging and millboard but is not worried about packings and jointings. Whilst he is firmly of the opinion that they could continue to use these materials, taking adequate precautions, he obviously cannot over-rule the medical officer and pointed out that as the various Unions are now involved in this matter continued use of asbestos materials giving off asbestos dust when handled could result in a claim for danger money.

Mr. Jenkins suggested that any attempt by T.B.A. to counteract the change from asbestos cloth, lagging and millboard should be made at Shell - Haven and that success there would quickly be followed by Carrington and Stanlow.

He also informed me that a conference will shortly be held at The Hague during which two papers are being presented, by Haven and Carrington, on the use of asbestos materials and suitable alternatives but he

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could not (would not?) tell me precisely when the conference is to be held, or who had prepared the papers. You may already have had this information from Shell - Haven.

This seems to be the extent of the information we can obtain at the moment and, no doubt, you will let us know what further action, if any, we should take in due course.

J. D. Holt