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Dear Mr. Robbins:

In connection with your February 12 letter addressed to our Newark, California office, I am writing to confirm that our spray-applied plaster formulations prior to mid-1973 contained asbestos as an ingredient.

Because of the "setting" characteristic of these gypsum based products, we believe that the asbestos fibers are encapsulated in the matrix — a conclusion that assumes that the materials have remained undisturbed and have not been subjected to physical damage. In the event that these materials have been subjected to external force that have resulted in surface sifting or flaking, consideration should be given to either removal or encapsulation with a sealer.

The overall concern, of course, is the possibility of exposure to respirable asbestos fiber. Only on-site breathing zone determinations will determine exposure concentrations, if any. OSHA has regulations for air monitoring in the event that such action is necessary.

Very truly yours,

*Thomas P. Feit*

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