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December 8, 1976

To: Asbestos Study Committee

Subject: Recommended Procedures for Brake Servicing

In my memo of November 16, 1976, in the last paragraph I indicated that I would discuss recommended procedures for servicing asbestos dust during brake servicing with Mr. Weaver, acting Chairman of this Committee. I have since reviewed this question with him.

As a brief background, I had earlier been contacted by MOTOR Magazine and State Farm Insurance concerning work practices in brake reline shops. Also, ASIA (Automotive Service Industries Association) would be pleased to cooperate in supporting FMSI recommendations for servicing brake linings.

I had earlier solicited the views of committee members. I received input from Mr. Paul Lee and Mr. Ike Weaver of Raybestos. Both concurred that the attached "Recommended Procedures for Reducing Asbestos dust during Brake Servicing" was the best available write-up.

In recent discussion with Mr. Weaver, he suggested that I ballot the Asbestos Study Committee on recommending to the Board of Directors the inclusion of such a write-up as a page of our Automotive Data Book (red book) and our Brake Shoe Identification Catalog (blue book). It is felt that such a write-up would alert brake service personnel to good procedures in their shops. Further, it would help brake lining (and clutch facing) suppliers defend against allegations that they did not notify users on the possible hazards of asbestos exposure.

I am asking that you review the enclosed ballot and return to me in the enclosed return envelope. Similar action will be taken by the Data Book and Technical Committee.

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Enclosure:

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Executive Director

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B A L L O T

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Subject: Publication in FMSI Catalogs of Recommended Procedures for Brake Service Shops

Gentlemen:

	YES	NO
1. I favor the Asbestos Study Committee recommending to the Board of Directors the printing of a page in FMSI Catalogs recommending procedures for reducing asbestos dust during brake servicing.	___	___
2. I favor use of the write-up "Recommended Procedures for Reducing Asbestos Dust During Brake Servicing" as written.	___	___

3. Those with comment, and those in favor of rewriting the recommended procedures, please enter comments below.

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BY _____

Company _____

Date _____