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Mr. J. P. Grange
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Dear Jean Pierre:

SUBJECT: Talc Asbestos
L. Paoletti et.al.

Attached is a copy of a paper which is very important to the talc industry in your territory. It alleges that a substantial number of talcs contain fibers and/or asbestos. It is published by a reputable organization in Rome. It has just appeared in this month's issue of Regulatory Toxicology and Pharmacology here in the States.

Do you have any information on what prompted this work by the Italians? Do you think the author is correct in the last paragraph of his article that regulations regarding talc and asbestos may be enacted soon in Europe? Do you consider it a threat to talc business in Europe?

I will appreciate your keeping my interest in this matter strictly confidential until such time as I have been able to get a clear picture of the situation.

Incidentally, on another subject, I sent Professor Leophonte a major list of talc articles he requested a few months ago. The last I heard from him was that he had postponed writing his talc book as of this past July.

Thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

W Ashton

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cc: B. Semple, M.D.

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