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Dr. Lewis J. Cralley, Director
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United States Public Health Service
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Dear Dr. Cralley:

The fibrous glass and mineral wool industry are disturbed at the possible impact upon this vital industry of alleged health hazards which are said to result from exposure to these materials both during manufacturing and fabrication and use of these materials.

Damage to the industry resulting from false statements could have a significant effect on the National economy. Attachment 1 describes the importance of these materials to the National economy. However, if there is a threat to health, prompt action must be taken to protect against this hazard. Industry's evaluation of its own experience with these materials thus far has not indicated the existence of a health hazard.

The industry's concern in regard to the alleged health hazards stimulated the formation of the Occupational Health and Safety Committee of the National Insulation Manufacturers Association (NIMA). As you know, this Committee brought together all available medical research data on the possible medical effects of fibrous glass and mineral wool. You reviewed the data at our request and advised in your letter to NIMA dated April 3, 1967 that a broadly based study was needed. The NIMA Board of Directors on May 16, 1967 unanimously agreed to seek the assistance of the U. S. Public Health Service in initiating a study of the fibrous glass and mineral wool industry with respect to alleged health hazards. At the discretion of the U. S. Public Health Service, the study may include environmental, clinical and epidemiological investigations. The Board authorized the Occupational Health and Safety Committee to take appropriate action with the Public Health Service in order to have the above study initiated as soon as practicable.

In a preliminary meeting of the Health and Safety Committee meeting with you on June 5, 1967 to discuss the study of the fibrous glass and mineral wool industry, you requested certain employment data concerning those plants manufacturing fibrous glass and/or mineral wool. We understood this data would form one basis for considering the feasibility of the industry-wide study.

This letter is to thank you for the opportunity of meeting with you to discuss our industry's problem and also to express the eagerness of the Managements of our industry to cooperate with you in every way in the accomplishment of whatever study you deem appropriate.

Sincerely,

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Occupational Health and Safety Committee
National Insulation Manufacturers Assn.

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Attachment

cc: Mr. J. F. Vyverberg, President
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