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Dear Rip:

The Annual Meeting will be the week of June 17, 1985 at Dumfey-Hyannis, Cape Cod. I'm now asking for a report for your Health and Environmental Affairs Committee. A copy of your report for the June 1984 Meeting is enclosed. Actually, we did not hold a meeting of the H.E.A. Committee in fiscal 1984-85 (July 1, 1984 - June 30, 1985). The last meeting was May 1, 1984 where we primarily prepared a response to OSHA on their proposed rules for Occupational Exposure to asbestos.

Since that time, we had a meeting of Mr. Comins' ad hoc Committee for preparation of a ballot on an asbestos ban petition which was changed to consider the Natural Resources Defense Council petition filed in the Fall of 1984. You then met with the Board of Directors and the remnants of that ad hoc Committee on October 25, 1984 after which we prepared comments that were sent to EPA on November 13, 1984. Then, of course, EPA responded to the NRDC petition, granting it but seeking more information.

Then later, EPA passed the asbestos question to OSHA and CPSC, which referral is now being reconsidered. In the meanwhile, there was a flurry of activity in Maryland in late January on a proposed bill calling for the prohibition of distribution and sale of brakes containing asbestos. That fortunately died in Committee.

And, we asked EPA to see that our November 13, 1984 comments were considered, wherever the question on asbestos brake linings was to be studied. That's about it. I hope you can prepare a report which may enliven or enlighten the Members in June. If there is something I can do to help with your report, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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