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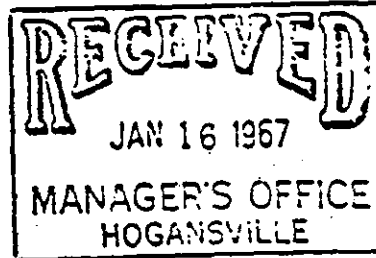
UNITED STATES RUBBER COMPANY

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January 10, 1967



TO: Mr. L. M. Souleware
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FROM: J. E. Wolfie, M.D.

This is to confirm our telephone conversation of this date relating to the report of December 28, 1966, from this writer to S. J. Pease, Jr., subject: The Health Effects of Exposure to Asbestos.

From time to time there appears in media various statements on the adverse effects on health of asbestos, which statements are often taken out of context, exaggerated, unsubstantiated and unfounded, and ordinarily quite alarming to the public. An example of this is the statement which appeared in the December 15, 1966, issue of Environmental Health Letter entitled "Cancer - Asbestos Link Reported By Public Health Service". A copy of the latter is enclosed.

It has been my responsibility to maintain an association with people and agencies interested in this area and to attend important meetings on this subject to represent the interests of the United States Rubber Company and to keep management informed of developments which might affect our asbestos sales or our operations.

I am convinced that our preventive health program involving Asbestos employees in Hogansville is the finest and most complete to be found anywhere in industry. Also, the data being accumulated in this program will, after study, analysis and publication, make an outstanding contribution to this field of knowledge.

At the recent PES meeting in Cincinnati, I briefly described the content and scope of our program at Hogansville without offering any findings or conclusions from same. Later, I was approached privately by different participants of this meeting who individually commented that this was an excellent program and the finest they knew of. It gives me a great deal of pride to be recognized as associated with it.

[Signature]
J. E. Wolfie, M.D.
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