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SUBJECT: J&J Puerto Rico
Windsor Talc-Green Discoloration
Project No. 2250.02

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With your note of November 10, 1976 to Mr. M.L. Moskowitz you submitted two samples of raw talc (batch No. 1874). This talc has a green discoloration when compared to your normal Windsor 66 talc raw material.

The results of tests in this laboratory has failed to positively identify the source of the green discoloration in these talc samples. However, infra-red spectroscopy readings on a dried aqueous extract of this talc indicate the presence of a mixture of inorganic matter. The broad bands suggest the presence of talc, a sulphate ($cuSO_4$-$5H_2O$) and other substances. The sample (1874) was also studied with optical microscopy, x-ray diffraction and x-ray fluorescence. No differences were found when compared to a normal sample of Windsor 66 talc.

Since the green contaminated talc was not used in product, there appears to be no immediate problem. If you receive any more green talc, a more intensive investigation can be undertaken.

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