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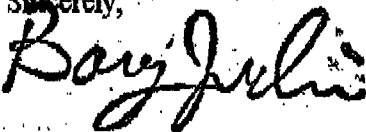
Dear Dr. Castleman:

Our firm represents Art Kuchar in a products liability lawsuit against several asbestos manufacturers. In October of 1995, Mr. Kuchar was diagnosed as having pleural malignant Mesothelioma. Mr. Kuchar worked as a painter from 1959 to 1996. His exposure to asbestos occurred while he used a power sander to grind asbestos containing gaskets from the flanges of steam pipes, valves, and pumps in 1969-1976. The gaskets were manufactured and supplied by Garlock and Anchor.

Garlock and Anchor are the only remaining viable defendants. We are interested in State of the Art testimony as to the knowledge these companies had about asbestos health hazards and when and how they acquired it. Specifically knowledge about asbestos causation of malignancies. We are also interested in Garlocks membership in the Asbestos Textile Institute, Asbestos Information Association, Fluid National Safety Council, etc., as sources of information about asbestos diseases. Testimony about asbestos containing products of these companies would be helpful, i.e. prevalence of asbestos containing products, percent of asbestos in the products, types of asbestos fibers used, dates warnings were placed on the products, dates asbestos containing products were discontinued, etc.

Please contact me if you need further information to aid in preparation for this testimony. If you have copies of previous depositions or trial testimony relevant to these defendants or the ATI, please send some for me to review in preparation for your testimony.

Sincerely,



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