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There are a couple of things in Dick Shannon's letter of January 28 to you which I would like to comment on.

First, I think Dick should be commended on his thorough status report on Asbestos-free Kaylo. His report clearly brings the problem into sharper focus and as such, makes me more concerned over our probability for success. The thing that is most evident is the lack of people working on this project. Even though the various support groups in our development laboratory are working on the problem, Shannon's area is only supported at a one-man level.

My question is whether our project was funded on the basis of one man and if so, being used. It was my understanding that \$50,000 was earmarked for this project in 1970. I suggest that at the very minimum we double our research and development on this project.

We must, to use Dick Shannon's words, "substantially increase the odds for success". We are entering an era where more and more emphasis will be put on our environment. This will include the growing concern of asbestos as a pollutant and health hazard.

We have already run into a problem with Dow Chemical, and I have been told point blank by duPont's specification people that that company will require asbestos free material in 1971.

In Dick Shannon's last trip to Johns-Manville, he noticed more than a dozen people in one laboratory alone working on glass reinforced calcium silicate. If J-M should solve this problem, we will be virtually out of the calcium silicate business with our present product within five years. Our government is being forced to put emphasis on pollution and environmental controls. As such, we will feel this situation, I believe, in the very near future and must be prepared.

Regards,

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