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PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

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TO: Asbestos Study Committee

SUBJECT: Asbestos Dust Control in Brake Service Centers

As a matter of background we have been asked several times over the past 2 or 3 years by the Asbestos Information Association (AIA) to get something together concerning asbestos in brake linings. Comments have been made concerning the AIA booklet "Asbestos and Brake Linings," that it is purely a reference source providing background for the general public. It does not accomplish anything as regards educating users of asbestos bearing brake linings.

Comments were passed at committee meetings to the effect that the booklet is really of little value. However, no action has been taken by the committee as regards providing AIA with something of more value. In June 1974 I received a memo from Mr. I. H. Weaver concerning a write-up that had been done by Mr. Moalli of Raybestos-Manhattan. It was a general write-up on precautions that could be taken in brake shops when working with asbestos bearing brake linings. Mr. Weaver had several editing changes and I made some changes to the write-up. This subject was dormant since then, but I resurrected it when I received two recent requests concerning recommendations in the brake service shops. One letter was from State Farm Fire and Safety Casualty and the other was from MOTOR Magazine. Copies of the correspondence are enclosed.

I believe if industry is to present its side concerning asbestos, I had to reply to these inquiries. We should make objective and responsible recommendations. For that reason, I went to the files and pulled out this write-up that had been forwarded by Mr. Weaver in 1975. This write-up is the best I have. I took the liberty of using and sending it to those inquiring about asbestos in the brake shops. I indicated that it is in draft form and I do not have a final write-up. Engineers at Raybestos-Manhattan are reviewing this currently to see if changes should be recommended. I would very much appreciate it if members of the Asbestos Study Committee would review this write-up and make recommendations. If there is some significant area we have missed, we would appreciate comments and recommendations in that area. In the meanwhile, until I get a final draft on these recommendations, I will send copies of this draft.

Over the past week or so I have been in contact with Mr. I. H. Weaver who had earlier served as Chairman of the Asbestos Study Committee. Mr. Harry Wagner, present Chairman, has been quite ill for the last several weeks. Thru the President, I have asked Mr. Weaver to serve as acting Chairman of the Asbestos Study Committee until the membership of this committee is settled. I have, therefore, been working with Mr. Weaver concerning this write-up.

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P.S. After preparing this memo, Mr. Weaver sent me the enclosed "Recommended Procedures for Reducing Asbestos Dust During Brake Servicing."