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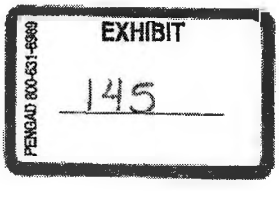
Robert M. Schaffner, Ph. D.
Associate Director for Technology
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Dear Dr. Schaffner:

Johnson & Johnson has been cooperating with the Cosmetic, Toiletry and Fragrance Association Subcommittee on Asbestos in Talc. In an effort to answer the question about the required degree of sensitivity of the method of assay for asbestos in talc, our statistical group has made an estimation of a theoretical safe level of asbestos fiber in a baby powder utilizing the official TLV for asbestos and the data on dusting of baby powder. The calculation shows that a substantial safety factor can be expected with talc containing 1% w/w asbestos fibers. Therefore, methods capable of determining less than 1% asbestos in talc are not necessary to assure the safety of cosmetic talc. The report is attached herewith.

Since I have been assigned a new function at our Research Center, I will be turning over my responsibility in the talc/asbestos area to the Research Division of our Baby Products Company. I would appreciate your giving me the opportunity to personally present them to you and your staff to assure a continuation of the cooperative efforts of Johnson & Johnson in this difficult problem.

The following individuals from our Baby Products Company will be



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available for a meeting to be set at your convenience:

D.R. Petterson, Ph.D., Vice-President, Research
B. Semple, M.D., Director of Medical and Regulatory Affairs
G. Lee, Manager of Applied Research
W. C. Waggoner, Ph.D., Administrator of Medical and Regulatory Affairs.

I hope to hear from you soon.

Very truly yours,
JOHNSON & JOHNSON

W. Nashed

by: W. Nashed, Ph.D.
Associate Director of Research
Domestic Operating Company

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Attach.

bcc: Dr. A. Goudie
Dr. G. Hildick-Smith
Mr. G. Lee
Mr. J. Melton
Dr. D. Petterson
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