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February 27, 1976

Mr. Walter Curtner, Manager of Insurance
 Johns-Manville Corporation
 P. O. Box 5108
 Denver, Colorado 80217

Dear Walter:

Railroad Friction Products
 Corporation

As we have previously discussed, the Travelers Insurance Company currently is writing Liability and Workmen's Compensation coverages for Railroad Friction Products Corporation, the joint venture entered into between Johns-Manville Corporation and American Standard, Inc. The company has expressed their concern about the asbestosis exposure in the COBRA brakeshoe and have indicated that they will not renew coverage unless we can convince them that exposure either does not exist or is very minimal.

American Standard, Inc. has provided us with a copy of a test conducted by your Research and Engineering Center in Manville, New Jersey in 1971 and a copy of that report is enclosed. We have sent a copy to the Underwriters and perhaps this will be sufficient to convince them to continue with the coverage. However, our review of the report indicates that the results of the asbestos fiber released in the breaking action is measured in weight. If the Travelers does not accept this report as sufficient evidence of the exposure, we would like to be in a position to give them further information. To that end we ask you whether Johns-Manville Corporation has

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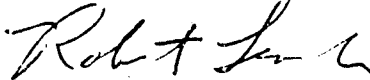
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conducted tests on the brakes which measure the number of fibers released in braking action as opposed to the weight of such fibers.

Any additional information you can provide will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,



Robert Leach
Assistant Vice President

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PS: Copies of an article titled "Cancer Kills 1 in 5 Asbestos Workers, says Doc" which appeared in the Daily News yesterday.
enclosed?

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