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June 9, 1944

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Dear Mr. Zelin:

In the attached envelope we are sending you the six copies of "Health Aspects of Fiberglas Materials" requested in your letter of June 6. This was published in April, 1943. On the back cover of the booklet is an annotated bibliography listing further references to the subject. Checked in red on this bibliography are articles of which we enclose six sets of reprints. If you should wish copies of any other of the references, we shall be glad to supply them so far as they are available.

Perhaps you will be especially interested also in the enclosed Transcript of Remarks on Health Aspects of Fiberglas Materials by W. G. Hazard of the U.S. Public Health Service. This is an Excerpt from the Proceedings of the Rhode Island Industrial Health Institute held in Providence on May 19, 1943. Incidentally, as you may know, Major Hazard is now Acting Chief of the Division of Industrial Hygiene of the New Jersey State Department of Health. Major Hazard is well informed on this subject and if you wish an outside, official point of view on any of your problems, it might be appropriate for you to get in touch with him. He is located in Trenton. His telephone number is 2-2131, Ext. 700.

The enclosed data indicate that exposure to glass fibers involves no hazard to the lungs or respiratory tract. The non-disabling "discomfort" hazard to the skin is limited to Fiberglas wool materials and is practically non-existent (because of finer fiber diameters) in Fiberglas textile materials. Since Fiberglas textile fibers are those used in combination with plastics, and since the fibers are inorganic, non-toxic, non-allergenic, and non-sensitizing, it follows that no hazard attends exposure to the glass fibers in the fabrication or application of glass-plastic laminates.

Thank you for your inquiry. We shall be glad to communicate with you further if you require additional copies of the enclosed materials or need any further information that we can supply.

Yours very truly,

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