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New York, New York March 13, 1968

Part of the Occupational Health & Safety Committee met with a part of the Duct Committee. The transactions of this meeting as reported by Mr. J. M. Barnhart are attached.

Following this combined meeting, there was a brief meeting of the Occupational Health & Safety Committee. The following persons were present.

L. B. Grant, M.D.	PPG Industries
C. L. Sheckler	Johns-Manville
F. H. Edwards	Owens-Corning
H. Mesler	Ruberoid
J. Vyverberg	Owens-Corning

Mr. Sheckler indicated that the work of the Education Subcommittee was progressing satisfactorily. The asbestos pamphlet had been prepared and circulated for comments and/or approval. The fiber glass pamphlet will be available for full committee review early in April. Dr. Grant pointed out that it was his understanding that both these pamphlets and the Educational Program for the coming year were to be reviewed at a meeting of the full committee. This was not done with the asbestos pamphlet. Dr. Grant's experience was that the time limitation set for review by the subcommittee had passed before he had had a chance to review the pamphlet. He felt this was unfortunate inasmuch as he would have liked to have seen either a reference to pre-employment and periodic medical examinations of the workers or a specific limitation clearly indicating that the scope of the pamphlet did not include medical control procedures. As the pamphlet is at the present time, it will invite justified criticism by the medical profession. Mr. Sheckler is of the opinion that comments with reference to medical examinations were inappropriate to include in the pamphlet. This reflects a basic disagreement within the committee which must be resolved at a later meeting of the full committee. Although it was discussed, no action was decided upon to resolve this basic difference of opinion. The fiber glass pamphlet draft prepared by the Education Subcommittee will be reviewed at a committee meeting in New York on April 16, 1968.

Mr. J. M. Barnhart wished to be advised on how he should handle requests coming to him for assistance in health related problems. The following general philosophy was agreed upon: He should first direct such requests to the manufacturer of the product in question. However, if no manufacturer can be identified or if the manufacturer of the product specifically requested NIMA support, he should direct the request to Dr. Grant, Chairman of the Occupational Health & Safety Committee, for appropriate action.

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The current research proposals on fiber glass prepared by the Industrial Hygiene Foundation were briefly discussed. As a result, it was apparent that there were a number of questions that each company who had been asked to support the work wished to have the opportunity of discussing in a general meeting with the Industrial Hygiene Foundation and representatives of the companies whose support was being solicited. Dr. Grant agreed to contact Dr. deTreville, the Managing Director of the Industrial Hygiene Foundation, and suggest such a meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

L. B. Grant, M. D.

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