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DEAR HARRY:

IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT JIM IS GOING TO BE AWAY FOR SOME TIME, AND I ASSUME THAT THIS CONDITION STILL EXISTS, SO I AM WRITING THIS TO YOU, SINCE IT IS A MATTER OF EXTREME INTEREST TO ALL OF US, AND SOMETHING THAT SHOULD BE ACTED UPON AS SOON AS JIM GETS BACK. I REFER TO A LETTER TO THE EDITOR WHICH APPEARED IN THE OCTOBER 23RD, 1971 ISSUE OF THE NEW YORKER, STARTING ON PAGE 147. THIS IS A LETTER TO THE EDITOR BY PAUL BRØDEUR WHO WROTE THE ORIGINAL ARTICLE IN THE NEW YORKER MAGAZINE ON OCTOBER 12TH, 1968 CONDEMNING SPRAYED FIREPROOFING OF ALL TYPES. YOU WILL NOTE FROM THIS LONG LETTER NOW THAT HE AGAIN CONDEMNS ALL SPRAYED FIREPROOFING MATERIALS, IRRESPECTIVE OF THE COMPOSITION, IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER IT IS FIBROUS OR CEMENTIOUS. THIS MIGHT BE THE FULCRUM NECESSARY TO GET UNANIMITY OF ACTION WITH M.R. GRACE, SINCE WE ARE NOW ALL BEING SNIPED AT AS BEING CULPABLE AND REPRESENTING AN INDUSTRY THAT SHOULD BE ERADICATED.

IT HAS GOTTEN BEYOND THE BATTLE FOR ASBESTOS CONTAINING MATERIALS NOW AND SEEMS TO HAVE EVOLVED INTO A BATTLE FOR SURVIVAL OF OUR PARTICULAR TYPE OF FIREPROOFING. HE QUOTES IN THERE THE ERUDITE(?) STATEMENTS MADE BY DR. ROBERT H. RICKLES AND MR. HAROLD ROMER, WHO SEEM TO BE PROSELYTIZING FOR NON ASBESTOS INSULATION MATERIALS THAT CAN BE APPLIED EITHER BY TROWELLING OR BY THE USE OF ADHESIVE, IF THEY CAN BE MADE IN FLAT STRIPS.

I AM PRETTY SURE THAT YOU HAVE PROBABLY SEEN THIS ARTICLE, BUT DON'T WANT TO LET IT GO UNNOTICED IN THE EVENT THAT IT HAPPENED TO PASS YOU. IF YOU WANT TO HAVE DISCUSSIONS RELATIVE TO THIS BEFORE JIM RETURNS, I WILL BE VERY HAPPY TO TALK WITH YOU, OR POSSIBLY MEET AND MAP SOME COURSE OF ACTION. LET ME HAVE YOUR REACTIONS TO THIS POSSIBILITY.

WITH KINDEST REGARDS.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

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