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Dear Bob,

OSHA Enquiry

I attach a copy of the TBA statement. We are a few days late but, as your hearing is now postponed, I gather, until not before the end of September, I hope that the delay is not material.

The only significant difference in this data from that provided to Hans Weill in January is the addition of Table 3 of the expected number of deaths. This addition ties in with the paper presented by Dr. Lewinson at the Brighton Conference last year.

TBA consider that it would be wrong at this juncture to elaborate further on the raw data especially as the British Occupational Hygiene Society is at present studying this data prior to making a recommendation on the efficacy of the UK 1969 Regulations.

Norman Rhodes and Steve Holmes are both ready to come out to Washington for the OSHA hearings if this is desired by you. They feel, however, that they should not commit anything more to paper but merely be prepared to answer questions as they come up at the hearing.

There is one most important piece of data which I wish to add and that relates to the mortality figures in Table 3. Of the 348 cases observed there was not a single case of mesothelioma.

I enclose pulls of the first and second advertisements which the AIC has been inserting in the UK press. Our professional advice was that we could not hope to promote the cause of asbestos

products until we had allayed the fears of the general public. We hope that these questions and answers series will achieve this and we are awaiting a report from an opinion research group which is monitoring what we are doing.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,


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