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I hope you have received my letter enclosing a memorandum from Guy G. Gabrielson, Jr. which outlines the Association's plan for an industry response to the proposed revision of the OSHA asbestos standard. In my letter, I encouraged membership in the Association to those of you not presently affiliated with AIA/NA. Whether you choose to join or not, we urge all recipients to participate in this industry-wide project and ask your consideration of financial support to help defray the expenses involved.

AIA/NA has engaged the services of the highly reputable consulting firm Roy F. Weston, Inc. to gather information and prepare a report covering the technological feasibility and economic impact of the proposed OSHA standard. This proposed standard could, through the governmental law-making process, reduce the 8-hour time-weighted average exposure of 5 fibers/cc (2 fibers/cc as of July 1, 1976) to 0.5 fibers/cc.

The study that Weston will make must be based on accurate information gathered from companies representing the various asbestos-using manufacturing processes within the industry. My letter has been sent to more than two hundred companies. We believe the effort we are making will benefit your company by helping to achieve a reasonable and realistic asbestos exposure standard in the workplace. Therefore, we ask that you provide the fullest cooperation and assist in the development of information essential to the study.

Weston will contact you in the very near future to discuss the enclosed questionnaire. Depending upon the project schedule and your situation, Weston will:

- Set up an appointment for a plant site visit; or
- Record your input by telecon; or
- Provide mailing instructions for your response.

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As indicated in Mr. Robert Mereness' recent letter to you, Roy F. Weston, Inc. has been engaged by the Association to gather information and prepare a report on the technological feasibility and economic impact of the proposed revision to the OSHA Asbestos Standard. This report will be based upon the data and opinion provided by your company. We believe it is in the best interest of your company, and the industry as a whole, to participate in achieving a reasonable Standard.

Weston's plans are to contact you to discuss the attached questionnaire. Depending upon the project schedule (Weston's report will be issued to AIA/NA no later than 2 February 1976), a member of our project team will:

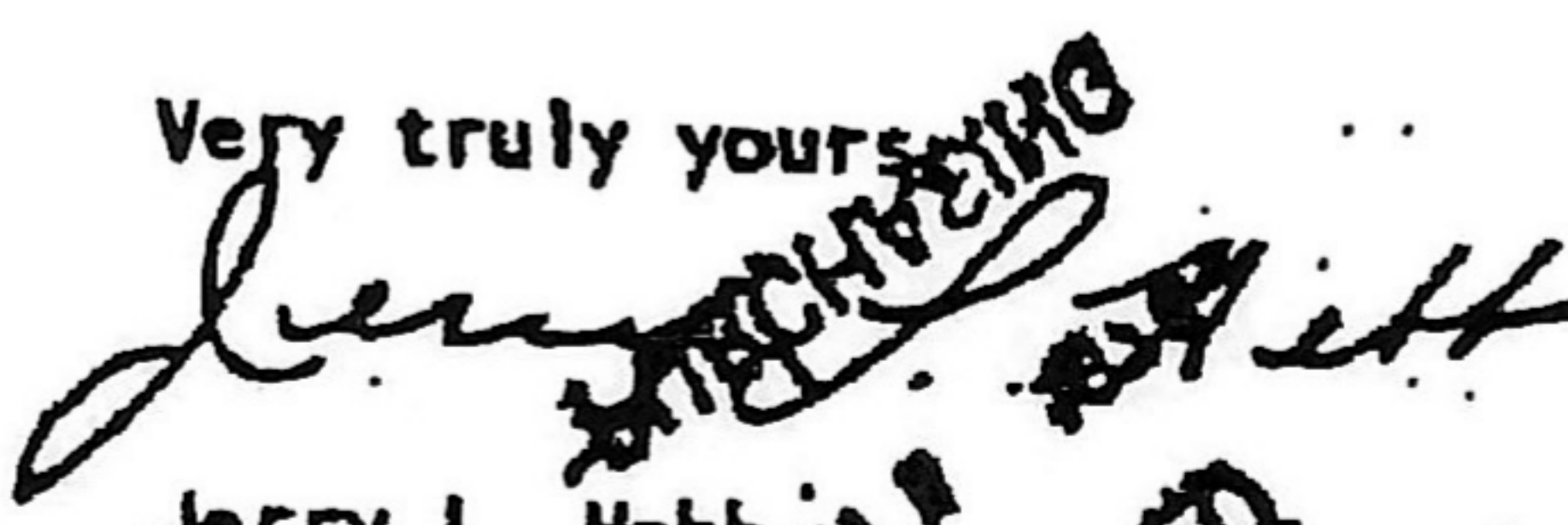
- Set up an appointment for a plant site visit, or
- Record your input by telecon, or
- Provide mailing instructions for your response.

To assure confidential treatment of your input, the cover sheet of the questionnaire will be coded, detached from the questionnaire, and kept separate. The cover sheet and questionnaire will not be duplicated.

Your data will be kept by Weston until the rule-making process is completed. At that time, your original input will be returned to you.

A questionnaire for each plant is required. If you have more than one plant, please duplicate the attached questionnaire.

Very truly yours,


Jerry L. Hebb
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