

1 Q Do you recall, sir, if, prior to that, for
2 example, in 1970 that Ford was advising its plant
3 employees to not use compressed air to blow asbestos
4 dust?

5 A About the time we started our study, we were
6 uncertain as far as what sort of problems might exist
7 with friction materials. And I think common sense
8 indicated that we shouldn't be trying to release
9 fibers by the use of techniques such as air blowing.

10 Q And you think that understanding started
11 before 1973?

12 A I think we started being certainly more
13 careful at the time we started our program as far as
14 not wanting to release fiber when we didn't need to,
15 sure.

16 Q And the -- I guess it was ultimately decided
17 by about August of 1973 to issue a maintenance
18 bulletin to Ford employees advising them not to use
19 compressed air for asbestos blowout during brake
20 servicing and clutch servicing work?

21 A Shortly after we did the study in the