FILE NAME: US Gypsum (USG)

DATE: January 25, 1971

DOC#: USG081

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION: 1971 Memo to WJ Brown from DF Rohrman regarding USG Asbestos Hazard.

RECEIVED JAN 2 6 1971

MEMORANDUM

TO: W. J. BROWN

FROM: D. F. ROHRMAN

RE: USG Asbestos Hazard

January 25, 1971

FILE: 900/342A

Last Monday, January 18, Paul Kipp called and informed me that the new organization had been created to deal with the adverse publicity generated against the asbestos industry. The organization, the Asbestos Information Committee of North America, was actually established last fall primarily by Johns Manville and Certainteed Corporation. USG was not invited to participate in the formation of the Committee. The Committee was set up to disseminate general information to users of raw asbestos and to counteract the adverse publicity and "scare tactics" of Dr. Irving Selikoff and his colleagues. The Committee will propagandize asbestos' good points and attempt to explain away the hazards associated with that substance.

The next meeting of the Information Committee will be in late January and it may expand its membership at that time to include such companies as USG, should USG be interested. Johns Manville has either pledged or given $150,000 to the Committee to finance such meetings. Al Fay of National Gypsum is