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Dr. Louis P. Lawler
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State of California
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Dear Dr. Lawler:

In accordance with Mr. Burnett's letter to you of September 13, 1968, we have carefully examined the possible health hazards that might arise from the inclusion of asbestos fiber in air-dropped liquid forest fire retardants.

As a result of our study, Johns-Manville has decided that we will not sell asbestos fiber for this usage.

Your concern in this matter, which helped us to reach our decision, is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

E. L. Fenner, Director
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