

March 2, 1977

MEMORANDUM TO: G.G. Gabrielson, Jr.
Chairman, Legal-Medical Research Committee
Asbestos Information Association/N.A.

FROM: Wendell B. Alcorn, Jr.

RE: Availability of Services
from Special Counsel

The purpose of this memorandum is to summarize our remarks to the Legal-Medical Research Committee at the meeting held in New York City on Monday, February 28, 1977, concerning the services that are now available from our office.

1. Data Bank

At the time our firm undertook the project with the guidance of the Committee, initial contacts with corporate representatives and outside counsel were made regarding the status of pending cases. It soon became obvious that there was no central source of retrievable data available to all AIA/NA members. Furthermore, there was a pronounced confusion and lack of comprehension by many companies regarding the various suits in which they were named as defendants. The primary reason for this state of affairs were: (i) defense efforts were controlled by insurance carriers who dealt primarily on an ad hoc basis with local counsel and (ii)

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