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TO: Research, #151 - J. H. Walker

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FROM: Chicago, #170-M - W. W. Holloway

SUBJECT: Asbestos

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I recently participated in a discussion at some length with representatives of our Insurance Department and our attorneys on the subject of asbestosis and the possibility that major Workmen's Compensation claims might develop in the future as the cause and effect relationship between asbestos and lung disorders -- including lung cancer -- becomes more firmly established and receives more publicity.

Our attorneys are in the process of making several recommendations to us in this matter. Among these will be the recommendation that we examine the possibility of eliminating asbestos fibers from our formulations. Without making a search, I believe our principal points of useage of asbestos are --

Paint and Joint Treatments
Asbestos Cement Shingles
Spray-Don formulations
Class A Roofing formulations

At this point we have not decided what action will be taken on the recommendations from our attorneys, and I am certainly not requesting any Research activity. However, I would appreciate it if you would give this matter a little thought and write me briefly concerning your estimation of the possibilities for success of a Research study aimed at eliminating asbestos from any or all of the above product lines.

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