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MR. T.H. PARKE, JR. STAMFORD	W.H. MORTONSON RUTHERFORD	PRODUCT LABELS ASBESTOS WARNING

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Walt Butterfield of Jim Walter Research called me today to inquire whether we are now putting or plan to put a warning on our labels to the effect that the product contains asbestos. They have decided to include a warning statement on the labels of all of their asbestos-fibrated coatings and adhesives even though they are aware there is no reason to believe any fibers will be released during application. Walt read the warning to me; and while I couldn't write it down verbatim, the substance of it is "the product contains asbestos fibers and OSHA, a Department of the Federal Government, has determined that prolonged breathing of asbestos fibers may cause cancer or Asbestosis". I told him we did not now include such a warning and knew of no plans to do so.

Is there some regulation in the morass of edicts of the Government which would cause them to decide such a warning is necessary even though all evidence suggests no hazard exists?

W. H. MORTONSON

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