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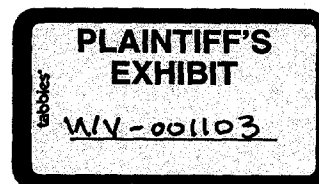
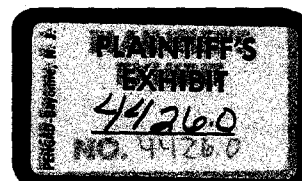
Mr. Louis R. Kessler, General Manager
General Products Division
Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corporation
National Bank Building
Toledo 4, Ohio

Dear Mr. Kessler:

In connection with the health hazards of Fiberglas vs The Asbestos Workers Union, I am in receipt of a telegram from the International President of this union denying us the privilege of presenting our findings to their international convention convening in New Orleans, La. the first week in September. This denial is no reflection on our relationship with this union. The denial was expected, and I am of the opinion that we will profit as a result thereof.

The reports from those who have contacted the business agents of the Asbestos Workers Union have been very encouraging on the whole. There are a few spots in the United States where the health aspect question has arisen, and I feel certain that it will be a subject of some discussion at the convention. Insofar as this union is concerned, and particularly the convention, it is a one man show dominated exclusively by International Union Vice President Hugh Mulligan. We have dealt with Mr. Mulligan before to our advantage, and I propose discussing this entire situation with him during the coming week with a view to insure, if possible, that he will while in attendance at the convention, pull the teeth out of any objections that are raised with respect to the health hazard and premiums.

I am hopeful that in the interim between now and the convention that the forces presently at work will succeed in decapitating the present Kansas City plant business agent Robert Rausch so that he will be prevented from attending the convention. Conditions being as they are in general, it would be



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Mr. Kessler

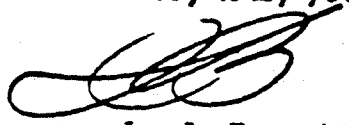
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unhealthy for Rausch to pick up the health hazard idea at the convention and, at a later date, use it as a bargaining tool with respect to the operation of the Kansas City plant.

We plan to attend the convention and participate in the operation of a hospitality gesture, particularly for the purpose of keeping our ear to the ground so that future labor relations strategy may be more accurately planned.

Very truly yours,



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