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2 Q You were familiar with the raw materials end
3 of the production of high temperature insulation for a
4 considerable amount of time.

5 Is it correct that as among the raw
6 materials asbestos was relatively expensive?

7 A Yes.

8 Q And, in fact, as even appears on Keene
9 Exhibit 14 which is your partially completed report,
10 it is correct, isn't it, that Owens-Illinois had tried
11 without success both to use glass fiber and a gas as a
12 substitute for asbestos fibers?

13 A As well as cotton linter, l-i-n-t-e-r, corn
14 stalks, paper pulp, yes.

15 Q And regrettably, none of them worked
16 satisfactorily as well as asbestos fibers did at that
17 time?

18 A That is correct. And if I may digress
19 briefly, the original formulation for 85 percent
20 magnesia was developed in the late 1800s using silk as
21 a reinforcement fiber.