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March 7, 1950

Mrs. Lillian L. Elkin
The Saranac Laboratory
P. O. Box 171
Saranac Lake, New York

Dear Mrs. Elkin:

We have checked with our technical people and they tell us that there has been no change in the manufacturing process of Kaylo during the last year or so that would make the material received by you last January different from what you had received earlier--and have been using for your animal experiments.

The silica content of all the Kaylo shipped you should be in the form of a combined silica. There is a negligible amount of free silica present—according to the laboratory analyses of our Kaylo Division.

The asbestos that has gone into Kaylo products all along has been in the form of chrysotile. In recent months the chrysotile fibers have been more effectively separated or spiculated before they go into the Kaylo mix than they were earlier in our manufacturing experience. This may mean that today the individual chrysotile fibers are better separated in the product than they were earlier.

After Kaylo is made, the slabs are planed and sawed. The dust from this operation is collected in a cloth dust arrester--and it is some of this material that the Berlin plant has been sending you for animal experimentation.

We are interested in your comment about the appearance of the fibers, and if you find any other indication that the material is different from what you had earlier, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

W. G. Hazard

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