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PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT K-296

Mr. C. F. Schroeder - Toledo

R. F. Shannon

January 4, 1966

Mr. J. W. Overman - Toledo

Case 8981 - Proctor & Schwartz
Processing of Amosite Fibers
for Kaylo Reinforcement

Re: C.F.Schroeder to R.F.Shannon, December 9, 1965
R.B.Dence to C.F.Schroeder, October 1, 1965

I have not been able to locate any of the asbestos fibers or obtain any information from the vendors of asbestos fibers which Dence requested in his letter of October 1, 1965. Case 8981, as you know, was set up on March 9, 1962. During this lag period of nearly 4 years, we have had several housecleanings and area consolidations, in addition to cancellation of the Kaylo research program by Marketing. Naturally, raw materials such as asbestos fibers were dumped or stored to make room for materials used on the programs under investigation.

Checking with North American Asbestos Corp., suppliers of African Asbestos plus the Handbook of Asbestos Textiles, I find there is really no good way of measuring long fibered African Amosite asbestos fiber length or degree of opening. We would probably have to take representative samples and with a microscope get a comparative evaluation. The problem is we do not have any of the asbestos in question available or the Proctor & Schwartz equipment to prepare additional samples.

You will have to decide what you want to do with this case until such time as I get some of the amosite asbestos fibers processed through a Proctor & Schwartz picker. We should have the equipment available to process these fibers by the end of the summer (1966).

As you know, this case was originally set up at the request of the Home Building Products Marketing Division as a defense against our losing a $3,000,000 market for glass fibers in gypsum wallboard. We asked several of the wallboard manufacturers why they used glass rather than asbestos. They said they would use asbestos if they could because of the lower cost but they can't handle it because of the sticks and tendency to ball up. We know how to open up asbestos without reducing fiber length. They didn't at the time of our discussion in 1962.

You will have to decide how we proceed. Do you want to delay until the fall of 1966 for the information Dence wants, or do you want to proceed with filing an application now to get an earlier filing date and then file a continuation in part with the specific information as to fiber length and degree of opening included. Please advise.

RFS/md

R. F. Shannon