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Let's discuss 8/4 and

develop an answer. August 2, 1971

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SUBJECT: Asbestos - Free Joint Compounds

There is increasing pressure to eliminate the use of asbestos, and we should do this where market performance permits such action. Are we in compliance with the current regulations on labeling of joint compounds? Apparently there is some confusion on this point, although I understand that we are in compliance.

How quickly could we market an asbestos - free compound? I urge that we complete such a development through the field trial stage as rapidly as possible. This would permit a quick reaction to new regulations, or permit offering a special product to combat the ill effects of asbestos - containing products.

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