

1 Q Can you describe the products by which that
2 insulation block was made at the Berlin plant while
3 you were there?

4 A Typically a water slurry was formed by
5 adding asbestos, either quick or hydrated lime,
6 diatomaceous earth, and silica flour.

7 That water slurry was then pumped by hose
8 into a rectangular pan-type mold of the appropriate
9 width and length and thickness to form a product which
10 varied primarily in thickness from inch and a half
11 thick to as much as three and a half inches thick.

12 Typically the length and width dimensions
13 were 18 and a quarter inches wide by 36 and a half
14 inches long.

15 Q And what happened after that?

16 A That product, that pan, that mold containing
17 the slurry was placed on a car along with other molds
18 of similar fill and the car was pushed along with
19 other cars into an autoclave in which the product was
20 exposed to temperatures in excess of 325 degrees and
21 steam pressures in excess of 125 pounds per square