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Mr. Roy J. Steinfurth, Administrator
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Dear Mr. Steinfurth:

As a follow-up to today's telephone conversation, I am enclosing for your information copies of correspondence which we directed through the California Manufacturers Association to Senator Milton Marks regarding proposed additional exemptions to the recently enacted California law relating to the spraying of asbestos.

As you can see from this information, we are suggesting that certain additional materials in which relatively small amounts of asbestos are contained in a liquid binder and applied by spraying can be exempted without jeopardizing the health of the individual worker or the general public. The data clearly show that the air-borne asbestos concentration generated during the spraying of paints, textured coatings, polyester resins, asphalt base roofing materials and the like are substantially below the 2 fiber/cc time-weighted average value which is soon to become the national standard. While we are convinced that the spraying of essentially pure asbestos with little or no binder for fireproofing and insulation is a totally inappropriate use of this material, we are also convinced that the same ban should not apply to the spraying of materials containing small amounts of asbestos well wet out by a permanent binder.

After you have had the opportunity to review this material, I hope that you will be able to indicate to your colleagues in California that the additional exemptions we are proposing represent a reasonable application for asbestos.

If I can be of any further assistance to you in evaluating this material, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

"ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
W. C. THURBER"

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