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This memorandum is to confirm the changes in emphasis we are making in the I & C sponsored Product Development phase of the Kaylo program as a result of decisions made during the I & C Marketing Review Meeting of November 4.

Per Mr. Ladd's instructions, we will, in addition to providing R. Wong technical support on development of a high temperature binder, direct our efforts to three programs in 1967. They include:

1. Complete the stress corrosion batch program. Obtain final approval from duPont and get the product into production. Mr. Ladd stated that if the physical properties are not equivalent to present K10 Kaylo, he will market it as a 'special'. Otherwise, he will extend it across the board. He further directed us not to spend a lot of time attempting to upgrade the strengths of the product so as to be able to extend it across the board.

2. Conduct a feasibility study to determine whether asbestos fiber used to reinforce Kaylo can be replaced with other types of reinforcing fibers.

3. Conduct a feasibility study to determine whether cotton can be used to reinforce Kaylo.

Mr. Ladd stated the nine points for product improvement as outlined by Mr. Vyverberg were all desirable and could be used as long term objectives. However, in view of the completely sold out position of the Berlin plant, his belief that properties of Kaylo cannot be improved to any measurable degree and the urgency of the program directed toward elimination of asbestos from Kaylo, he requested we postpone items 2, 3 and 4 of Mr. Vyverberg's lists, the items which Vyverberg had requested us to work on in 1967 to a later date. Items 2, 3 and 4 include improved breakage, 1600° F product and water repellency.

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