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Attn: Dr. Irving J. Selikoff
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Dear Sir:

We have just read an article appearing in the New York Times which was headed "CONSUMER NOTES - ASBESTOS WARNING GIVEN FOR SPACKLE" (copy attached) in which you were mentioned as having directed scientific studies of 15 kinds of spackle purchased in New York City.

We are writing you because our company's products were not mentioned in this article. For your information, the Synkoloid Company produced the first ready-to-use Spackling Paste in the United States under the name "Synkoloid's Spackling Paste". In addition, we have manufactured "Synkoloid's Spackling Powder" for over 30 years. We are pleased to advise that - for at least the last 20 years - neither product contained any asbestos fibers, nor do they now.

We would appreciate very much being included in your final report, and with that thought in mind, we are taking the liberty of sending you regular containers of each product with the hope that you will be able to include them in this final report. If this is not satisfactory, we assume you will arrange to obtain samples in New York City.

A reply will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

THE SYNKOLOID COMPANY

S. J. Bergeron

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SJB/s

September 12, 1975

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Dear Sirs:

Thank you for your offer of the spackling paste and powder. We will include them in our on-going study and apprise you of the results. We recently had opportunity to test another of your products "Synko triple duty joint compound" (dry), provided to us by the International Brotherhood of Painters and Allied trades. We found that it contained from 8-10% chrysotile with no indications of this asbestos content on the label.

Sincerely yours,

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