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Subject: Exposure to Asbestos during Brake and Clutch Cleaning.

I enclose the final details of the meeting to be held in the Cinema at the Ford Central Office, Warley, on Wednesday, 26 March 1969. The meeting will commence promptly at 10.30 am with a welcome by Mr W Batty, Managing Director, Ford of Britain. Coffee will be available from 10.00 am.

A map is enclosed for the guidance of visitors arriving by car, and parking space will be available in the North Car Park, located across the road from the Central Office.

Visitors arriving by train may find it convenient to travel by the 9.24 am from Liverpool Street, due at Brentwood at 9.57 am, and transport from the station to Warley will be provided if requested in advance.

We are looking forward to welcoming you at Ford and hope that you will find the Conference both useful and enjoyable.

Telephone Extension

Mailing Reference (Please include in Envelope Address)

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ASBESTOS CONFERENCE

The recent activity in investigating exposure to asbestos during brake and clutch maintenance arose from a letter from the Service Director of BMC to the Motor Agents Association, and to the Service Managers of other manufacturers. A GP had raised the matter relative to a patient who was employed in a Dealer's workshop with the Inspector of Factories who suggested that the operation could cause a "definite health hazard". It was also suggested that the current revision of the Asbestos Regulations would make reference to the Motor Repair Trade.

There was therefore a desire that the subject should be investigated and any necessary remedial measures sought in advance of the Legislation, so that Dealers could be advised, and Service Manuals amended as appropriate.

A meeting of interested parties was arranged by Dr White at Cowley in November 1967. At this meeting there was agreement that further investigations were required, and both Ford and BMC Industrial Hygiene Units undertook to continue their studies. A further meeting would be arranged when results were available.

Our report on passenger cars was sent to Dr White in July 1968 with an enquiry as to whether he proposed to re-convene the group. He suggested that the meeting be initiated from Ford, and we agreed to this, but suggested waiting until the completion of tests on commercial vehicles. This report was sent to Dr White

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in November 1968, with advice that we were now proceeding to arrange the meeting. The arrangements have been made jointly by the Medical and Service Departments of Ford of Britain on behalf of the major motor manufacturers.

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EXPOSURE TO ASBESTOS DURING BRAKE AND CLUTCH MAINTENANCE

CINEMA, FORD CENTRAL OFFICE, WARLEY

WEDNESDAY, 26TH MARCH 1969

P R O G R A M M E

10.00 am Coffee

10.30 am - 12.30 pm

SESSION A - The Problem

Opening of meeting:	Mr W Batty Managing Director Ford of Britain
Chairman's remarks:	Mr G H Channing Chief Medical Officer Ford of Britain
Asbestos and asbestosis:	Dr W J Smither Group Medical Adviser Cape Asbestos Co.
A Hygiene Standard for Asbestos:	Dr S Roach London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
Exposure to asbestos during brake maintenance:	Dr D E Hickish and Mr K L Knight Industrial Hygiene Unit Medical Services Ford of Britain
Technical Implementation of the new Asbestos Regulations:	Mr S Luxon Director of Industrial Hygiene, Department of Employment and Productivity
Discussion	

12.30 pm L U N C H

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2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

SESSION B - The Solution

Possible alternatives to asbestos as a friction material:	Mr D Hatch Research Manager Ferodo Ltd.
Control of the use of asbestos containing friction materials - a preliminary report:	Mr M L Bentley Mintex Ltd. (Asbestosis Research Council - Environmental Control Panel)
Alternative methods of cleaning:	(1) Mr G L Lee Industrial Hygiene Dept. British Leyland Motor Corporation
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Respirators for protection against asbestos:	Mr S Luxon
Identification of potential health problems in Service Information:	Mr N R Gordon Service Merchandising and Training, Cars Ford of Britain
Discussion	
Summary of proceedings:	Mr G H Channing

4.00 pm T E A

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ATTENDANCE

British Leyland Motor Corp.	Mr W Joseph Chief Chemist. Cowley
	Dr J M Muir Senior Medical Officer Pressed Steel Fisher Ltd., Cowley
	Dr A A White Chief Medical Officer, Longbridge
	Dr W G White Senior Medical Officer, Cowley
	Mr G L Willis Product Servicing Manager, Cowley
Cape Asbestos Co	Mr A A Cross Chairman, Environmental Control Committee, Asbestosis Research Council
London School of Hygiene	Dr S Gauvain Department of Occupational Health
London Transport	Mr H W Cromack Mechanical Engineer (Rolling Stock Road Services), Chiswick Works
	Dr A W Gilks Senior Medical Officer (Environmental)
Joseph Lucas Ltd.	Dr R H R Aston Chief Medical Officer, Birmingham
Motor Agents Association	Mr J Matthew Training & Industrial Relations Officer
Rootes Motors Ltd.	Dr W M Dixon Medical Director
	Mr W H Fitter Service Manager
	Dr W Reynard (Chrysler International - European Operations)
Society of Motor Manufacturers & Traders Ltd	Mr K O'Shea Membership Department
Trades Union Congress	Dr R Murray Medical Adviser
Turners Asbestos Fibres Ltd	Mr M F Howe
Turner Brothers Asbestos Ltd.	Dr S Holmes
Auxhall Motors Ltd.	Dr K N J Pocock Chief Medical Officer
	Mr R Winup Manager Facilities & Promotion

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Ford of Britain

Dr J Allardice
Senior Medical Officer, Engine Plant

Mr D Batterbury
Manager, Service Merchandising and
Training, Truck

Dr J Cape
Senior Medical Officer, Halewood

Dr S F M Cressall
Senior Medical Officer, Metal Stamping
& Body Plant, Dagenham

Dr C Dearlove
Medical Officer, Radiator & Engine Plants

Dr H O Engel
Senior Medical Officer, Paint, Trim and
Assembly, Dagenham

Dr H R Kemble
Medical Officer, Tractor Operations

Mr D Mapplebeck
Manager, Technical Service & Training

Dr K H Nickol
Senior Medical Officer, Thames Foundry

Dr J Prout
Senior Medical Officer, Research and
Engineering Centre, Dunton

Mr H E Thomas
Chief Safety Engineer

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THE SPEAKERS

Mr W Batty	Managing Director Ford of Britain
Mr G H Channing	Chief Medical Officer Ford of Britain
Dr W J Smither	Group Medical Adviser Cape Asbestos Co.
Dr S A Roach	Reader in Occupational Hygiene, University of London. Secretary, Hygiene Standards Committee, British Occupational Hygiene Society
Dr D E Hickish	Industrial Hygiene Specialist Ford of Britain
Mr K L Knight	Industrial Hygiene Assistant, Ford of Britain
Mr S Luxon	Director of Industrial Hygiene, Department of Employment and Productivity
Mr D Hatch	Research Manager Ferodo Ltd.
Mr M L Bentley	Mintex Ltd. Member, Asbestosis Research Council - Environmental Control Panel
Mr G L Lee	Industrial Hygienist British Leyland Motor Corporation
Mr N R Gordon	Manager, Service Merchandising and Training, Cars, Ford of Britain

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