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Dear Tom,

I would like to thank you and your other AIA colleagues for all the time and kindness extended to me during my recent visit to Washington. I found our exchange of views both helpful and stimulating and I hope that the close relationship between the AIC and the AIA will be maintained.

The first meeting of the Advisory Committee on Asbestos recently appointed by the British Government was held on Wednesday last week and I had the opportunity of discussing matters informally afterwards with Dr. Gilson. He told me that both the BOHS re-examination of the data for the 1969 Asbestos Regulations and the work which Pooley is doing on the mesothelioma register is taking much longer than expected. It is unlikely, therefore, that we will get any early answer from those sources to confirm our industrial view that the 2 fibre standard is safe.

I promised to let you have a copy of Mrs. Nancy Tait's pamphlet "Asbestos Kills" and now enclose this. I thought that you would also be interested to see the data which the Asbestos Information Committee made available to journalists at its Press Conference in London yesterday and I enclose a complete set of the papers. You will see that we have published a page by page rejoinder to Mrs. Tait.

Our press advertising campaign starts tomorrow and is in the form of twenty questions and answers on the health issue as it appears to concern the general public. I will send you a pull of the copy as soon as these come from the printers.

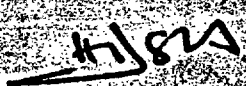
I have been in touch with TBA regarding the release of the raw data for OSHA. Although I have not had a written statement of their position I did discuss the matter with Ron Wells yesterday and

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and understood from him that TBA had already written to Hans Wolff advising that the data already in his possession could be used. However, I shall revert to this topic once I have heard about a written supporting statement which may be necessary in respect of verbal evidence from Steve Holmes.

With again many thanks and good wishes.

Yours sincerely,


(H.D.S. Hardie)

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cc Mr. R. H. Morrison