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Subject: MVMA Meeting with EPA

Attached for your information are minutes of a meeting that Mr. H. Weaver (MVMA) held with Mr. J. DeKany (EPA) to discuss

As is evident from the minutes, Mr. DeKany is also concerned with the asbestos/brake problem and would like to discuss the issue in a MVMA meeting after October 1, 1979.

The asbestos issue will be handled outside of and separate from any MVMA meeting that might take place to discuss

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TO: Air Quality Committee
Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Air Conditioning

FROM: Harry B. Weaver, Secretary

SUBJECT: EPA, and Asbestos

On August 15, 1979, I met with John DeKany, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances, EPA, in his office at Waterside Mall, Washington, D.C., to discuss current and future EPA activities and possible cooperative efforts between EPA and MVMA regarding the control of

After discussing the question, Mr. DeKany steered the meeting into a discussion of the control of asbestos pollution from brake linings during installation, servicing, and inspection.

At the meeting, he introduced me to three of his staff members involved with the two subjects: Cindy Kelly, Division Chief, who was most interested in the asbestos question; Ferial Bishop, who was most interested in the problem; and George Wirth.

Highlights of the meeting were:

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Highlights of the discussion on asbestos from brakes were:

1. DeKany is convinced that people engaged in the repair, adjustment, and inspection of brakes are experiencing prolonged exposures to a proven carcinogen. He is working with OSHA in this area.
2. He proposes including a surgical mask with all repair and replacement kits containing brake linings and he would include a warning, similar to that on cigarette packages, pointing out the carcinogenic effect of asbestos particles and urging the mechanic to use a surgical mask while working on the brakes. He would also see that this warning be endorsed by MVMA, NAPA, NADA and independent garage trade associations and that this endorsement is noted on the kit.

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3. DeKany reported that there has been successful field testing of an asbestos-free brake lining and he would like to see this material introduced across the board as quickly as possible.

4. DeKany would particularly welcome the opportunity to discuss this brake lining problem with the Air Quality Committee.

Discussion of possible NVMA follow-up to this visit will be an agenda item at the next Air Quality Committee meeting and the next Ad Hoc Subcommittee on meeting.

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