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2 January 1978

Dear John,

LABELLING - CALIDRIA ASBESTOS

The attached copies of letters by Henry Vanherle explain matters clearly. The nub of the matter is this - if the Calidria Company is keen to use a label when shipping asbestos goods to Europe, could they be persuaded to use the label which has AIA's blessing?

In this way we can make a little more progress towards getting our label generally accepted, thus hopefully helping to avoid the danger of the skull and crossbones.

Anything you can do to progress matters would be much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Jimmy

Sir Neville Stack

cc AIA/NA
Mr. H. Vanherle (without attachments)

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To Sir Neville STACK
A.I.A.
68, Gloucester Place,
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Dear Sir Neville,

Re : Labelling request by European Distributor of Union Carbide Products.

I refer to your letter of October 11th, ref. AIA/8/PAC about the above mentioned case.

This matter has now finally been settled to the satisfaction of both EAC and the distributor, through the efficient assistance of Mr. Schwermer and Mr. Mohr (Switzerland).

I had asked, as you know, Mr. Schwermer to help me locate the U.C.C. distributor, in the wrong belief that it was a German one. After all, it appeared to be a Swiss firm, which explains Mr. Mohr's intervention.

As I do not know in how far you have been kept informed by AIA/NA about this issue, I enclose a copy of my recent letter to the distributor (Mr. Dambach, Grace Industrial Chemicals, Inc., Lausanne) which does nothing but confirm the information already given by telephone to Mr. Dambach by Mr. Schwermer and Mr. Mohr.

However, if the matter can be considered as settled this side of the ocean (the distributor dropped the idea of asking for the St. Andrew's cross to be marked on bags shipped to EEC), coordination of labelling initiatives seems necessary at the other end. The manufacturer (Calidria Asbestos, which is, I understand, a subsidiary of Union Carbide Corp.) now intends to put the OSHA label on bags shipped to EEC. Could not AIA/NA obtain from Calidria to use the EAC label instead, or, if this is not in line with U.S. regulations, to use both labels ?

This is of course, as I have pointed out to Mr. Dambach, a matter which lies fully beyond EAC competence.

Regards,

H.E. VANHERLE.