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Mr. Michael P. Howe
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Dear Michael:

Many thanks for your letter of September 6 regarding the proposed EPA emission standards.

By the time you receive this letter, I trust you will have had an opportunity to talk personally to Fred Pundsack and, thus, will have considerably more information about the latest status of these standards that I could hope to convey in a letter.

As Fred will probably mention to you, the latest indication is that the Federal EPA will not include an outright ban on asbestos-containing fireproofing sprays. Instead, they will require that the ambient air immediately surrounding the building being sprayed may have no higher fiber count than if said building were totally encased and the air emitted were being filtered by a fabric bag dust control system. Obviously, the net result would be the same, but there are some psychological and public relations benefits in having fireproofing eliminated on the basis of technical requirements, rather than by an outright ban.

Sincerely,

W. P. Raines
Secretary

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