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Gentlemen:

I am enclosing for your information a copy of a letter I just received from J.C. Wagner. I had asked him about his studies with man made vitreous fibers and also whether his studies with asbestos could be used to support OSHA's proposal to reduce the asbestos standard.

All good wishes.

Cordially,

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Note: Could you send me a copy of your presentation to EPA Conference on substitutes in July, in as much as it will be a TIMA position paper.

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Dear Paul,

Returned to my desk to find the happy note from you!

The inhalation experiments on man made vitreous fibres have not produced fibrosis as I have been accused of stating, but so far we have produced is minimal reaction to dust, which you have also demonstrated occurs with any mineral dust after it is retained in the lung for a long enough period.

The second question - your interpretation is as good as mine. We did produce 2 mesotheliomas in rats after a single day's exposure, and we did get a few mesotheliomas with the Canadian chrysotile. I cannot see that these findings can be interpreted for regulatory purposes.

Hope this partly answers your questions, for a full answer you need the Delphic oracle!

Kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

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