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Dear Tom,

On Wednesday June 17th John Ottinger and I attended a meeting at New York University on Asbestos "An Unanticipated Environmental Hazard".

Attached is copy of the program and a reprint of the article that appeared in the October, 1967 issue of the New Yorker Magazine.

Dr. Selikoff presented a very detailed and factual report on studies of the health hazards of asbestos. He has made a career the study of effects of asbestos and speaks eloquently about the subject.

Dr. Lee of U. S. Public Health Service agreed with Dr. Selikoff's findings. He felt that the harmful effects of asbestos fibers should be neutralized, or if this was not possible, that asbestos be taken off the market.

Mr. Hutchinson, President of Asbestos Workers Union, talked about concern of his members in the control of use of asbestos and the cooperation of his union with Dr. Selikoff.

Dr. Pundsack, Vice President of Research & Development of Johns-Manville, also acknowledged the harmful effects of asbestos. Dr. Pundsack felt that Johns-Manville had controlled the problem of asbestos in their plants thru proper ventilation and indoctrination of their employees. However the use of asbestos in construction posed another problem, particularly in the field of spray fireproof and acoustical application. Dr. Pundsack was of the opinion this caused the greatest amount of potential hazard because the asbestos fibers were able to be air borne and thereby contaminate a large area.

Dr. Pundsack stated the Johns-Manville is working in two areas to correct the problem. They are seeking a possible coating agent to neutralize harmful effects of asbestos. In addition they are looking for a substitute fiber product to replace asbestos.



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The meeting made a deep impression on me. I was surprised at universal agreement among parties at the meeting on the harmful effects of asbestos. I thought John's Manville would try to refute. Dr. Selikoff's statements but they did not do so.

It is my feeling that as these facts are disseminated around the county, the use of asbestos sprayed fireproofing will be discontinued.

I feel we should place a top priority tax on car effects to secure a substitute for the asbestos in our Monokote fireproofing.

Sincerely

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