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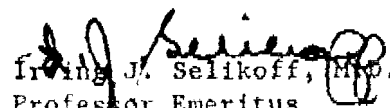
Dear Mr. Motley:

I've reviewed the letters you've sent me dated June 11, 1970, March 30, 1970 and May 14, 1970, written by Mr. Thomas F. Egan of W.R. Grace Company.

Unfortunately, I have no recollection of the matter of which Mr. Egan writes, that of testing their product Zonolite Mono-Kote fireproofing material. I suspect that this is because I have never tested any fireproofing product, nor have I considered doing so. I am not competent to do this and would not know how to begin or how to end. I wouldn't even be prepared to attempt the dust count. My area of interest and expertise is in investigating and evaluating health effects of these and other materials. It may well be that Mr. Egan had contacted one or another of the staff of Mount Sinai's Environmental Sciences Laboratory, capable of undertaking such study. I was Director of the Laboratory and a letter could have been directed to me as a courtesy or proforma, a deference occasionally considered to be due to a scientific nabob at the time.

Consistent with my unawareness of this matter is the extraordinary statement that the test results of which the letter speaks would be held confidential and would not be disclosed without Grace's approval. This would be totally against all policies in our Laboratory. I can't even imagine a Faculty member of our Laboratory having accepted such a restraint on public disclosure of work that would be done under our auspices.

Sincerely yours,


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