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Subject: Meeting on the Health Aspects of Fibrous Glass
(Orientation of Mr. Thomas with regard to the status of the proposed Insulation Industry Hygiene Council Incorporated)

The meeting was held at 10:00 a.m. on July 2nd. Those in attendance were Mr. Thomas, Mr. Sarty, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Vyverberg, Mr. Briley, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Korman.

The purpose of this meeting was to acquaint top management with the progress concerning the Insulation Industry Hygiene Council which has been the brainchild of Dr. Selikoff. John Vyverberg indicated that much care and consideration went into developing the proposed draft for the constitution by-law of this organization. This was done in an attempt to limit the influence of Dr. Selikoff.

It was clearly brought out during the meeting that the work of the council should be strictly limited to developing engineering methods to control and minimize dust and fumes on the construction jobs with relation to insulation workers. It was further brought out that this should in no way involve a clinical study of insulation workers, if at all possible.

It was again pointed out that much of this interest by the union and hence, Dr. Selikoff was engendered by the jurisdictional dispute with the sheet metal workers.

Some of the alternatives to dissolve this jurisdictional dispute were (1) try to get the sheet metal workers to give it to the asbestos workers, (2) a merger of the sheet metal workers and the asbestos workers, (3) a congressional investigation to elucidate the fact that it was a jurisdictional dispute, (4) a private investigation which then could be made public to show that it was a jurisdictional dispute, (5) get out of the dust and dust liner business, (6) develop indisputable proof that ~~there~~ no erosion takes place, or (7) develop indisputable evidence that there is no health hazard.

John Vyverberg brought out that he felt it was necessary for us to be a integral part of this study with employees of OCF on the research council, possibly on the scientific committee. Marshall Briley felt that it would be unwise for OCF personnel to be so closely identified with the asbestos problem. He felt that we could enter the study at a later date if it seemed opportune.

It was felt that the proposed draft should be tightened with additional defining of powers and authority and that we should carry through with this work on the draft without committing ourselves to becoming a part of the Insulation Industry Hygiene Council. The decision to become a part of it will be made at a later date.

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