

MEMORANDUM

cc: Mr. [redacted]
BEC- Mr.
BEE- Mr.
HB- Mr. Conrad

In Reply to _____ Date 2/27/69 From BEC To BE- Mr. Koval

Subject _____ ASBESTOS FELT

I have examined the Carey and Bird samples of asbestos felt submitted with Mr. Russell's memo of 2/21/69, copy attached, and there is no question that there is a difference in appearance due mainly, I am sure, to the surface finish of the felt before saturation. A check of percent saturation showed the Carey felt to have 44.4% and the Bird felt 37.0%.

The most frequent complaints that we have had on asbestos felt has been poor perforations and brown color indicating poor saturation. I believe that the perforation problem has been pretty much corrected; however, saturation remains a problem.

I would suggest that we obtain a sample of Ruberoid's asbestos felt from the New York area and compare it with our material in view of the fact that Ruberoid has offered us a dry felt with a different furnish from the one we are currently using and we understand that Ruberoid is using this material in at least one of their plants.

Attached are the samples of Bird and Carey felt that were submitted by Mr. Russell.

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