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OWENS-CORNING FIBERGLAS CORPORATION

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INTRA-COMPANY CORRESPONDENCE

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Subject CUTLER HAMMER

This firm as you know, Irv, are using considerable quantities of American Cyanamid 3135, Plaskon 446; Durez 18-221, and some glass filled Dow silicones. I was told that this amounts to some 10 to 15 tons of material a year. They are also compounding their own glass filled epoxy potting compound and are buying approximately 500 lbs. of milled fibers per month at this time.

Their Mr. Jack Canning, who is in charge of research and development of glass reinforced molding compounds, reported that the Union called a meeting to ask for 10-15% premium for all workers involved in the handling of glass or glass filled materials. The Union Steward claims that the workers are complaining of skin irritations and nose hemorrhages. They also are blaming a current epidemic of flu and some of the workers are fearful that they will get silicosis. In short, Cutler Hammer management believe that these objections to Fiberglas are being used to exert leverage for wage increases.

I have requested all information bulletins from our Advertising Department with respect to the health aspects of Fiberglas. If you have any material on this subject, please forward it to me at once.

Jack Canning stated that if Cutler Hammer have to grant even a 5% salary increase, it will materially affect their use of glass filled plastics in favor of asbestos filled and cotton reinforced plastics. He said that on one drilling operation which only required one man's time, they now have to employ another man to hold a vacuum cleaner hose next to the worker to satisfy the Union's immediate demands. Both of these workers are wrapped up like cocoons in special aprons and sleeves and other protective devices. He said that their management are fearful that it might even involve the workers that are working close to these fabricating operations, who are now looking apprehensively at all the precautions taken to protect the workers that are handling the material.

I will appreciate any comments and suggestions and help that you may have in this regard.

H. A. Tullgren

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