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To: Mr. C. H. Borcherding, Jr.
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Subject: Comet 30 Composition Shoe Processing

Confirming our recent telephone discussion about the fiberizing of the asbestos at the Railroad Avenue plant, only a bare minimum of attrition is required to permit accurate weighing of the standard charge. Hood ventilation as used in the present weigh area should be adequate provided the operation is done in a vented area.

As far as the ventilation at the mixers is concerned, the present practice in the plant has become somewhat relaxed. The more recent formula releases indicating the approved processing steps have followed actual operation rather than the more laborious, but safer, steps originally proposed by Research. Specifically, this refers to the use of a cover on the mixer during any blending step.

There is no reason why vented pressure lids similar to Brakeblok's cannot be used for the railroad shoe production.

Since it is generally easier to acquire the asbestos in pressure packed bags rather than loose fibers, the former is preferable and no blending problem would be expected in the kneader mixer.

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