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March 4, 1982

Mr. Jacob Robbins FAIA
Robbins and Ream Inc.
Architecture/Urban Design
212 Sutter Street
San Francisco, CA 94109

Dear Mr. Robbins:

In connection with your February 12 letter addressed to our Newark, California office, I am writing to confirm that our spray-applied plaster formulations prior to mid-1973 contained asbestos as an ingredient.

Because of the "setting" characteristic of these gypsum based products, we believe that the asbestos fibers are encapsulated in the matrix — a conclusion that assumes that the materials have remained undisturbed and have not been subjected to physical damage. In the event that these materials have been subjected to external force that have resulted in surface sifting or flaking, consideration should be given to either removal or encapsulation with a sealer.

The overall concern, of course, is the possibility of exposure to respirable asbestos fiber. Only on-site breathing zone determinations will determine exposure concentrations, if any. OSHA has regulations for air monitoring in the event that such action is necessary.

Very truly yours,



Thomas P. Feit
Regional Manager
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12 February 1982

W.R. Grace Co.
Zonolite Division
6851 Smith Avenue
Newark, CA 94560

Gentlemen:

In 1964 I specified "California Zonolite" as the sprayed-on interior coating of a structural metal roof deck for thermal and acoustical insulation. (The metal roof deck is the exterior weathering surface as well as the structure).

The building is a residence. The owners have inquired if there is any asbestos in their insulation, which is the ceiling surface of their home.

Can you advise if asbestos was a component of the material specified in 1964?

Thank you for your help in this matter.


Jacob Robbins FAIA

cc: Mr. & Mrs. Jack Wahrhaftig