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Dear Bob:

It was a pleasure to meet with you and your colleagues on Friday, July 9 to discuss problems relating to the affect of asbestos and related minerals on health. We all agree that the discussion was mutually beneficial and hope that in the reasonably near future definitive answers can be obtained to the many questions which have been raised.

Dr. Speil and I have discussed your request for permission to release the information contained in Johns-Manville reports 404-39 and 404-39-S1 to the FDA. We feel that we cannot authorize the release of this information in its entirety. We will, however, grant permission for you to abstract the information in these reports which pertains directly to Johnson & Johnson products. If you feel that this is too restrictive, I suggest that you contact Dr. Pundsack.

For the record, I would like to list those documents and samples which we gave to you at the time of our meeting, or which were sent to you subsequently.

1. A copy of the S. Speil and J. P. Leineweber paper on "Asbestos Minerals in Modern Technology".

2. A copy of "Fibrous and Mineral Content of Cosmetic Talcum Powders" by L. J. Cralley, et el.

3. A copy of "A Study of Workers Exposed to Talc and Other Dusting Compounds in the Rubber Industry" by W. L. Hogue and F. S. Malette.

4. "Asbestos and Health in 1969" by Dr. G. W. Wright. Reprinted from American Review of Respiratory Disease, Vol. 100, No. 4, October 1969. (Original returned to Johns-Manville on July 13, 1971)

5. "Airborne Asbestos". A report prepared by the Committee on Biologic Effects of Atmospheric Pollutants of the Division of Medical Sciences, National Research Council. (Original returned to Johns-Manville on July 13, 1971)

6. A copy of "Mortality in the Chrysotile Asbestos Mines and Mills of Quebec" by J. Corbett McDonald, A. D. McDonald, G. W. Gibbs, J. Siemiatycki, and C. E. Rossiter.

7. A brief bibliography of articles relating to the biological affects of talc on human health.

8. Contact information for Dr. Merle Stanton, National Institutes of Health, Dr. W. E. Smith, Health Research Institute, Fairleigh Dickinson, and Dr. A. Reeves, Wayne State University.

9. A copy of "Measurement of Airborne Asbestos Fiber by the Membrane Filter Method" - Asbestos Textile Institute.

10. A copy of "The Method Used by the U. S. Public Health Service for Enumeration of Asbestos Dust on Membrane Filters" by G. H. Edwards and J. R. Lynch.

11. A copy of "Talc and Carcinoma of the Ovary and Cervix" by W. J. Henderson, C. A. F. Joslin, A. C. Turnbull and K. Griffiths.

I am also enclosing a copy of a brochure describing the services available from our newly formed Environmental Engineering Service Group. Should you desire additional information about the services I suggest you contact Mr. W. Reitze at this location.

The following is a list of asbestos mineral samples that we have given you:

1. Sample No. 3778-110-2 Chrysotile asbestos dust used for testing respirators.

2. Bundles of crude chrysotile from the J-M Jeffrey Mine.

3. Sample 4173-53-1 Regular milled Cape S Blue crocidolite.

4. Sample No. 3778-75-2 Crocidolite - crude from the Penge Mine, Transvaal, South Africa.

5. Sample No. 4173-53-2 Regular milled amosite from Cape Asbestos Corporation.

6. Sample No. 3778-75-1 Amosite - crude from Koegas Slant Westerburg, Cape Province, South Africa

7. Sample No. 3778-82-5 Anthophyllite - crude

8. Sample No. 3778-46-5 Tremolite from Mexico

9. Sample No. 3647-152-7 Tremolite from Balmat, New York.

If we can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best regards,

Jim

Dr. J. P. Leineweber, Manager
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Attachments