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to CP's firm Russell Hammann products.*

CS 414 TREMOLITE

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TO: W. M. Stephenson
FROM: R. E. Norwood
RE: CP Certification Statement at General Electric
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Pfizer Inc.
Easton, PA.

General Electric at Louisville has been using Cyprus Mines Mistron 139 in a filled polypropylene. Pfizer, Gil Cheatham, has submitted CP 38-33 which was found acceptable in all properties. The analyst at GE Louisville, Russell Schoen, has determined that the CP 38-33 contains between 1 and 5% tremolite (exactly as we state in our certification memo) by scanning electron microscopy and microchemical analysis. He has essentially ignored the fact that this is blocky tremolite and not fibers. We have repeatedly attempted to get Mr. Schoen to visit us in Easton in order to observe our procedure.

On Friday, February 3, 1978, Gil Cheatham asked me to call a Mr. Charles Mulligan, a plastics chemist at GE, Frankfort, Kentucky, to attempt to clarify the situation. The discussion with Mr. Mulligan really centered around several points:

- (1) Our certification statement - 1% to 5% tremolite in CP talcs. As long as tremolite is listed as one of the "asbestos" minerals their safety people read no further and do not care whether it is fibrous or not. Mr. Mulligan admits that this is rather naive but the safety group really has the final say.
- (2) If we could modify our certification statement to remove the "1% to 5% tremolite" statement it would probably be satisfactory.
- (3) Cyprus Mines statement on Mistron 139 claims less than 0.3% tremolite which GE has found acceptable.

There are two alternative solutions to this problem which are based upon our desire to retain GE as a customer for CP talcs and our continued desire to be technically correct in our certification statements on all of our talcs:

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