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Dear Mr. Levine:

The New York Academy of Sciences has had a continuing interest in problems of health hazards in the asbestos insulation industry. Recent evidence suggests that while these hazards may be significant, conversely they may be sharply reduced or eliminated by appropriate remediable measures.

The Academy's Division of Environmental Sciences is therefore convening a Working Group on Insulation Industry Hygiene to consider the steps necessary to formulate an appropriate industrial hygiene program for this important industry. Experts from Industry, Labor, Government and Academic Institutions will participate; Industry representatives will include leading executives of the Johns-Manville Corporation, the Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corporation, the Certain-teed Products Corporation and others as well as representatives of the Quebec Mine Producers Association and the Insulation Distributor Contractors National Association. Labor representatives will include the President and appropriate staff members of the International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Asbestos Workers, while interested government agencies will include the United States Public Health Service and the United States Bureau of Mines.

The Working Group will meet at the Academy on May 14, 1968 at 9 AM. It is planned that the discussions will be completed by 3:30 PM; luncheon will be served at the Academy.

The Academy is honored to invite you to serve as a member of this Working Group, and to participate in the discussions concerning the development of a program for the removal of health hazards in the Insulation Industry. An outline is attached listing a number of areas that will be considered. Your thoughts on these subjects will be valued, as well as on such other aspects of the question that you consider important.



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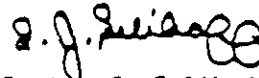
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The Academy will appreciate your early acceptance of this invitation and will be grateful for your participation in this Working Group.

Very truly yours,



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President-Elect

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A. Industrial Hygiene Program: Insulation Industry

1. Identification of dust sources
 - a. Review of trade practices
 - b. Analysis of IAHPIAW survey
 - c. Baseline levels: light microscopy, Z.M., biological
2. Prevention of dust formation
 - a. Materials manufacture
 - b. Packaging and transport
 - c. Manipulation of materials
 - d. Trade practices
3. Removal of dust
4. Protective masks
5. Housekeeping practices
6. Establishment of surveillance procedures
 - a. Dust levels
 - b. Materials; new materials
 - c. Trade practices
7. Employee examination schedules
8. Cigarette smoking

B. Organizational structure

1. Research Program: Academic
 - a. Current industry modifications; recommendations
 - b. Identification of necessary subsequent research
2. Industry Advisory Committee
3. Funding

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