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July 25, 1950

Mr. J. P. Woodard
Johns-Manville Corporation
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New York 16, N. Y.

Dear Page:

Some few days ago, Dr. C. F. Shook, Medical Director of Owens-Illinois Glass Company, visited us. During our discussion he mentioned that the packing and shipping of asbestos in burlap bags is often very troublesome as a possible source of an undue amount of dust. It would appear that the asbestos sticks to the bags, making it necessary to turn them inside out for recovery of every bit of asbestos. Perhaps paper containers, like those used for diatomaceous earth, would be better.

I thought that you would like to have this information.

Sincerely yours

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July 28, 1950

Dr. Arthur J. Vorwald
The Trudeau Foundation
Saranac Lake, New York

Dear Arthur:

Thanks for the information in your letter of July 25, covering the suggestion made that fibre be packed in paper containers to minimize dusts in handling.

The fibre packaging problem has always been a big one; and the burlap bags are a relatively large item of expense. Considerable engineering work has been done with a view toward improving this situation by using different types of containers, by bailing the material, by shipping it loose in box cars, and by various other means. So far the burlap bag has not been eliminated; and I believe this same method is used by all producers up to this time.

I am passing a copy of your letter on to Mr. Fisher, head of our Fibre Division; and I am sure he will be very much interested in it.

Sincerely,

J. P. Woodard

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