INTRACOMPANY CORRESPONDENCE

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DATE & SUBJECT: November 13, 1978 Alternatives for Asbestos Containing Materials

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Mill Products Division has initiated an activity at MRD aimed towards better coordination of their efforts to curtail their dependence on asbestos containing products. Primary Metals Division has requested that their plants be included in the dissimination of information applicable to their operations.

I have been assigned the task of coordinating this effort to find functional substitutes for asbestos containing products, especially the marinites.

The first need is to identify those applications for which you have no proven alternative to asbestos containing materials. Accordingly, will you please write me at least a preliminary description of what is in current usage and in what manner. If you have plans to evaluate alternate materials, please outline them briefly -- particularly any current work.

In addition to phone and mail contact with those who are engaged in the search for alternate materials, I expect to distribute a "newsletter," probably monthly, that briefly describes any material or activity that has come to my attention and that may be of general interest to you. Additionally, there may be periodic reports that detail significant accomplishments.

Lastly, there is the need for vendors to have someone to coordinate their efforts to develop products suitable for our needs.

Plant personnel are at a considerable disadvantage when they must evaluate materials that may have marginal potential.

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