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We do notice just somewhat odd inverter wattaging because which contain between three and seven percent asbestos fiber. Our sales book of these products is over 50,000 tons annually, so it is an important business for us. We do not, however, market the electroplating plaster which is mentioned in the user recommendations from Lieutenant Cypress and might contain as much as 25% asbestos.

Glass has ended up to try to eliminate the asbestos in sound proofing. We have been moderately successful in one area or two in the process of reducing or eliminating the asbestos from our concrete line. We had felt that the presence of asbestos in the concrete could be more critical because they are often applied and there could be more danger of inhaling the fibers. If Lieutenant Cypress is correct, the joint compound will also come under objectionable pressures from the environmental people.

In any event, we will appreciate our efforts to get rid of the asbestos in the joint compounds. This will be our very difficult because asbestos controls the working properties which are uncontrolled by the manufacturer. Our engineering will have the same problems, as it will be a shock of finding a substitute before they do.

It might be helpful to have any information from the customer Mr. Fay mentioned. We had hoped some time ago that Lieutenant might be induced open the quantity of asbestos that could be permitted in a given product. If so, the problem would not be so difficult to completely eliminating asbestos fiber. If you agree, [illegible] Mr. Fay to that in any information from him. I [illegible] copies of the correspondence from Lieutenant Cypress.

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Lieutenant

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