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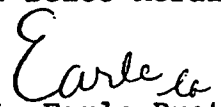
made up and will be run on the dynamometer with the balance of the assemblies being forwarded to Cadillac for vehicle testing.

Mr. Hirsch will get out his laboratory report on their evaluations of the Cadillac combination and a meeting will be set up between Cadillac, Abex and Delco-Moraine within the next two to three weeks to review their package and ours. At that time, it is hoped that this problem is buried and that Cadillac is satisfied that the Abex material is as it has always been and that their change in front lining to the 8011 from Delco-Moraine rather than the 5470 from Delco-Moraine will solve the problem until brake changes are made in the 1983 model year (September, 1982) that will preclude the use of the 11" x 2" brake and asbestos Abex friction materials. Note--734-161 and 38-27E will no longer be sold on Cadillac vehicles after September of 1982. This is due to vehicle and brake design changes being worked on for the 1983 model year.

Delco-Moraine continues to work on obtaining for our consigned use steel parts utilized in the manufacture of A and B-car disc brakes by Abex. Explained that we are having an awful time keeping up with their schedules because they do not supply us the necessary parts required. Ms. Schutte is looking into this.

The only drilling change made by Delco-Moraine from asbestos materials to non-asbestos materials was in the matter of the drill used. All other equipment is the same and the specs on drilling feeds and speeds, etc., are as they have always been. Delco-Moraine set up the Saginaw Manufacturing operation and the information previously supplied concerning their drill techniques for non-asbestos materials is pertinent to Delco-Moraine also. There is no differentiation in drilling techniques between non-asbestos formulations.

Meetings are being held this week at Delco-Moraine initiating an appropriation request for monies to establish a friction material plant in France to supply GM of France. I again stated what has been mentioned before and that is that if Delco-Moraine develops a formulation, Abex will manufacture it for them in Europe and thus there is no need for a Delco-Moraine friction material plant.


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