



A/C Pipe
Producers Association
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Internal Correspondence

TO *J. F. Welch*
J. F. Welch, Vice President

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DATE

FROM

Saudi Arabia - Inquiry About Safety of A/C Pipe

SUBJECT

ACTION REQUIRED: Review for information

On November 30, 1981, Karl Reiner (United States Department of Commerce) contacted the Corporate Marketing Services offices of Johns-Manville to obtain information about "tests" on A/C pipe for water distribution. At Don Stinson's request, Staff followed up with Reiner. He reported that the information request originated in a cable from the American Embassy in Saudi Arabia. Evidently, the Embassy received an inquiry from the Director General, Water and Sewage Authority, Western Region, Saudi Arabia. The Authority requested results of tests and findings about A/C pipe as a possible cancer hazard. The Authority also asked whether any U.S. standards regulated the use of A/C water pipe. Reiner indicated that he had spoken already to John Small of the National Bureau of Standards. Information on the safety of A/C was forwarded to Reiner on December 9, 1981 (see Attachment).

It is possible that this inquiry is related to the United Nations' alleged prohibition of asbestos cement products. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

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Enclosure

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