PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT GP-5

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[illegible]ne 9, [illegible]

Mr. F[illegible] Roge[illegible], Secretary
Gypsum Association Safety
201 North We[illegible] Street
Chicago, Ill[illegible]

Dear Fred,

We believe the attached is of great importance to the [illegible] and member companies.

You are aware that joint [illegible] contain approximately 5% as[illegible] some mica and the balance is limest[illegible]

Based on threshhold limits adapted by A.C.G.H., mica (when ex[illegible]ing 5% free silica) can be classed as a respiratory irritant. Asbestos [illegible] very harmful however we question whether the percentage used in a form[illegible] and after it is mixed in a batch could be considered harmful.

We realize that someone will be the whipping boy, also prod[illegible] liability will be stressed. It is our opinion that the entire blame [illegible] be placed on the contractor, for not insisting on respirators and dust [illegible] when sanding. We understand that dust samples will be obtained during a sanding operation and analysis made of the samples. We question this approach, the problem would be the large amount of dust, 10 microns or smaller that is generated by the sanding operation and breathed by the individual.

We will keep you posted of any other problems that may develop. In all probability, U. S. Gypsum and National Gypsum have been alerted and we will be interested in their approach to minimizing the problem. Please send 500 "Watchful Wally" stickers and bill this office. Thank [illegible]

Sincerely,

M. F. Fink
Safety Supervisor

MFF/ab

Attachment