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Subject: Strategy For Elimination/Accommodation of Asbestos - Non-Production Materials

We concur with the "Carcinogens in the Work Place Task Force" in their selection of asbestos that should be dealt with on a first priority basis. We further agree that the health hazards represented by asbestos are such that the utilization of approved substitute materials must be mandatory rather than discretionary.

As identified on the second page of Attachment "A", the Transmission and Chassis Division assumed a mandatory position in 1973 even to the point of establishing a December 31, 1973 date after which the use of asbestos materials was prohibited. Unfortunately, the directive didn't serve its intended purpose since it left the task of seeking out acceptable substitutes to the plants, a task for which they were not equipped.

What is required to give the program impetus is the development of a list of approved substitutes by Corporate PEO and Industrial Hygiene for the most common asbestos applications. The list must include priorities and an approval system addressing additional cost, downtime, etc., where these factors are an element of the substitute material.

A second and equally important consideration is the control of in-place asbestos applications that will be with us for years. Attachment "B" represents what in our judgment should be a "First Step" of a continuing action program.

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Attachments

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