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Asbestos and Health - I. C. I. Ltd.

The various Divisions of I. C. I. are tending to look for substitutes for asbestos in the products they make themselves and also in insulation work on their plants (though not yet in building materials or other products which they purchase); the Companies directly concerned are working through normal sales channels to combat this tendency. The policy does not come from a central directive and so it does not appear appropriate, at this stage, to tackle it centrally.

The foregoing is for your general information. The purpose of this memorandum is to say that at least one of I. C. I.'s products has been advertised as "Asbestos free"; this has been the subject of a protest and we have been assured that it would not be in accordance with I. C. I.'s normal policy to "knock" asbestos. I should be grateful, therefore, if you would alert your Purchase Departments or others concerned with I. C. I. advertising matter and if you would arrange for a sample to be sent to Mr. Howard of any literature which offends in this respect.

John Waddell.

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To: JW

28th March 1967.

Asbestos and Health - C.E.G.B.

With reference to your note of March 20th, the value of our direct trade with the C.E.G.B. has been quite small. In 1964/5 it was £706 and in 1965/6 £1,833. Most of this trade has been in P.T.F.E., asbestos curtains, plaited packing and webbing.

We know that in 1965/6 Cape held the asbestos textile contract for all C.E.G.B. power stations. Their sales in 1965 were recorded as £14,655 - mainly cloth, rope, webbing and millboard.

Beldam Asbestos have the current year's contract.

Whilst the usage is sizeable, we have mixed feelings about the trade as it involves many small despatches to individual power stations.

A. C. Mann.