

(Drislane - Purcell)

1 industry that there was some difficulty associated with
2 developing an asbestos-free drum brake that was unique to
3 drum brake shoes as contrasted from disc pucks; is that
4 correct?

5 A Yes.

6 Q My interest was to find out when that subject was
7 first known to you?

8 A Probably about 1980 or '81.

9 Q What makes you believe it was at late as 1980 or
10 '81?

11 A That letter.

12 Q All right. When was there first an effort to
13 develop an asbestos-free drum brake?

14 MR. FRIESTEDT: Objection.

15 A Well, you are going to have to put this in
16 context. A lot of people were working asbestos-free but not
17 because of the asbestos problem. They were trying to develop
18 new linings which would be superior to the asbestos lining so
19 they could go and get that business away from the guys who
20 were making the asbestos lining. So semimetallic disc brakes
21 pads were being developed in the seventies but not because
22 of -- to get rid of asbestos, it was to make a superior
23 product.