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FROM: T. F. Egan

SUBJECT: Research and Development
Program for Asbestos-Free
Mono-Kote

The attached program prepared by Ralph Bragg is to some extent a status report on research efforts outlined from the meeting in Cambridge on July 28th and 29th.

It is important to note that this report will be revised regularly as our test program develops and the work will be documented and written in a comprehensive manner.

The research work is involved in the most emotional and controversial area of construction pollution. Remember that not only are the charges unproven, but methods or limit values of control have not been established. Therefore, as the data becomes fact we must be able to adjust or correct our research effort.

Recent discussion with Johns-Manville personnel - Dr. Sidney Spiel and Mr. Ed Fenner - confirm my earlier comments that, barring some alarming medical fact to the contrary, the health hazard of asbestos will require the ban on loose asbestos particles to the atmosphere, and probably within one year.

Already we have lost a major project in Philadelphia, and I'm sure others may follow across the country. The asbestos-free product will get the order.

Knowing this, I again want to emphasize the importance of the "Long Range development program discussed in our July meeting. Reference can be made to my letter of August 10th - "Fireproofing Products Research". The market belongs to the firm that provides a new "pollution-free" spray cementitious product.

Your attention to this situation, comments and inquiries are expected. Please contact me or others at once on a regular basis.

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