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Dear Mr. Fliege:

It is obvious that my letter of March 23, 1977 does not address the problem discussed in your letter to me of May 12, 1977.

There is no simple method that your field engineers can use to identify asbestos insulation prior to removal. The simplest laboratory procedure would involve examination of a sample by a petrographic microscopist.

A great majority of the pipe and block insulations manufactured prior to 1972 contained asbestos. The best advice I can give is to examine a small piece of the insulation and if it appears to contain fibrous reinforcement, assume that the fibrous material is asbestos.

Very truly yours,

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