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Mr. F. Cole
Chemistry Department
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Subject: Exposure of Garage Mechanics to Brake Dust

As you know, we have studied the exposure of Company employes to brake dust during brake religning operations in our service garages and at our test tracks. For the most part, whenever air hoses were used to clean dust out of the brake drums, we found exposures in excess of limits established in the OSHA standard on asbestos dust. This resulted in our recommendation that vacuum cleaning be used to remove this dust.

We discussed these findings with Professor Selikoff's co-workers during a visit they made to the Company Engineering and Research Center some time last year. I don't know what, if anything, new he has come up with since that meeting but it probably would be of interest to have someone from the Company attend to find out. Budgetary restraints prevent us from attending.

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