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education, boy and girl scout councils, YMCA's and YWCA's,
etc. This letter said in part:

"It has come to our attention that on occasion the leaders of
youth activity groups have used asbestos fiber as an inexpensive
substitute for modeling clay and papier-maché.

"We feel strongly that this use of asbestos should be
discontinued. Although the levels to which children may be
exposed are probably very small and present no hazard to
health, we do know that heavy exposure to asbestos in
occupational settings can be a cause of illness.

"For this reason we feel that it is prudent that the use of
asbestos for hobby purposes be eliminated."

As a result of this letter, appropriate steps were taken by
many of the groups contacted to discontinue this particular use
of asbestos. When the Association learns of instances where this
practice has not been discontinued, appropriate letters of
warning are sent to the parties involved.