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MEMORANDUM

To: W. R. O'Donnell

From: J. M. Nolan

Subject: Borg-Warner Asbestos Replacement Program

The situation is heating up and will be a prime topic during your meeting with Borg-Warner management this summer if not before. The following information was obtained in a meeting with Ernie Ferris on May 20.

1.) Raybestos Manhatten (largest competitor) has submitted an asbestos-free friction plate to Chevy Technical Center. They have no business at Chevy and are using this as a wedge. Ernie will attempt to get us samples and furnish data if possible.

2.) An English brake supplier has been shut down by the government due to asbestos levels in their air.

3.) Sweden has banned the use of asbestos in any form.

4.) Ford Company has been putting pressure on Bellwood to come up with a substitute.

5.) Borg-Warner's Clutch Division that makes facings from dry asbestos is under a crash program to come up with a substitute; OSHA and EPA putting on the pressure.

Bellwood is pleased with our efforts to date in making a ceramic replacement. Cost information is being generated from a trial this month to give them a price estimate. The grade (X-26-76) is a modification of 650-E and looks very promising at this time.

I will keep you informed of future developments.

JMN:h

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