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On October 5, 1966, Wayne Johnson wrote to you describing an asbestosis claim filed in Massachusetts. Mr. Ted Brody of the New England Insulation Company brought this to Wayne's attention stating that Dr. Harriet Hardy of M.I.T. had become interested in the case.

It was alleged that the claimant had handled and cut Kaylo insulations for a number of years and had acquired asbestosis. I have called and talked to Mr. Brody, who had relatively little information about the claim or claimant except that his disease had been diagnosed as asbestosis and that Dr. Hardy was inquiring about the type of asbestos used in our products.

Mr. Brody's primary interest seemed to be in acquiring more information about the health hazards incurred by insulation workers. His interest stems from the fact that he has recently been elected chairman of the Health and Safety Committee of the I.D.C.N.A. and he and this organization propose to establish a very active health and safety program. He has been in touch with Johns-Manville representatives and several of our sales people and was hopeful of setting up a meeting to discuss health problems in the contracting field before the first of the year. I explained that I believed that such a meeting could be established with no difficulty.

Mr. Brody stated that he did not believe that there was anything more for us to do at this time as he said he would contact Mr. Johnson to determine the amount and type of asbestos used in our Kaylo.

There is no question that Dr. Hardy or any other interested individual could determine answers to both questions by analysis of our product. Consequently, it would seem advisable to provide this information to either Mr. Brody or Dr. Hardy.

Again, I would like to recommend that we seriously consider labeling our Kaylo products in a manner similar to that now being done by the J-M Corporation on their asbestos-containing calcium silicate products.



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