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Memorandum For: John Marsh
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Subject: Advance of Mt. Sinai School of Medicine
Article on Brake Lining Maintenance and
Repair

Attached galley proof of article prepared by Mt. Sinai School of Medicine (N.Y.) staff and scheduled to appear in the August issue Environmental Research and Gynecologic Oncology is forwarded as a matter of interest.

This study was cited as the primary reference for the NIOSH "alert" issued August 1975 (distributed to members) calling attention to potential health hazards to workers exposed to asbestos dust during servicing of brake and clutch assemblies. The "alert" received nation-wide publicity. Ed Drislane, executive director, Friction Materials Standards Institute, was advised by Dr. Selikoff that the brake-lining repair aspect of the asbestos-health question "is going to become a major project." We are seeing increasing evidence to substantiate that remark. Mr. Drislane's memorandum on subject to FMSI, asbestos study committee is also attached.

Attention is invited to the AIA/NA leaflet, "Asbestos and Brake Linings" and the apparent need to review this publication in the interests of current and positive addressal to subject. Your comments will be appreciated.


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