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ASBESTOS CASES

I need to be informed promptly of all asbestos cases and prior to any agreement to pay workmen's compensation. I'm not planning to become an expert in workmen's compensation, but I want to make sure that the plants are as uniform as possible in the interpretation of the asbestos and physicians guidelines; mainly in the areas of exposure, latency period, acceptance of responsibility, etc.

I discussed this with your Safety Supervisors last week in Charleston, but I want to make sure you know that I need to review these cases with you. I told the Safety Supervisors that I didn't need a copy of the workmen's compensation form, but I need to keep an up-to-date account of all cases for management and, therefore, will need to receive this information.

There is a lot of concern and discussion going on about the tabulation of these cases and the resulting effect on safety records and awards -- will keep you informed.

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