Inter Office

Scientific Research Staff

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To: T. Cole

Subject: Exposure of Brake Maintenance Shop Workers to Brake Dust

On April 11, 1975, I received a telephone call from Prof. Irving J. Selikoff, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, City University of New York, regarding their investigation of possible health hazards associated with respirable particles of asbestos and other substances to which workers in brake maintenance shops may be exposed. He indicated that their examination of brake shop workers is turning up some disturbing findings relative to health effects (he didn't elaborate) and that some physicians out West had found brake shop workers well represented among lung cancer cases.

Prof. Selikoff would like to discuss these medical findings with appropriate representatives from the automobile companies and Johns-Manville Corp. at a private meeting in New York in the near future. He therefore asked that his invitation and intention to have such a meeting be brought to the attention of interested parties at Ford.

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