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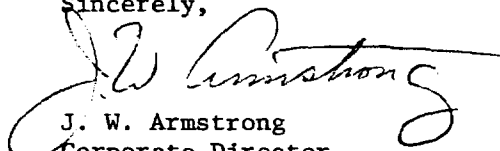
Mr. Ronald R. Moalli
President
Raybestos Friction
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August 21, 1979

Dear Mr. Moalli:

I am in receipt of your invitation of July 18, 1979 pertaining to a request for acceptance of the chairmanship of the asbestos study committee for the Friction Materials Institute. I am very pleased to advise that I will accept your most challenging position and look forward to working with you in improving this committee. I note in your correspondence that you have a concern in regards to the current membership of the committee and apparently have some thoughts in regards to broadening the significance and impact of the committee activities. I agree that this action is overdue and would solicit your recommendations as soon as possible. By copy to Mr. Drislane, I am requesting receipt of a copy of the current charter of the committee, current issues presently before the committee, current membership of the committee and any recommendations that you may have.

Sincerely,


J. W. Armstrong
Corporate Director
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July 18, 1979

Mr. James W. Armstrong
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Dear Mr. Armstrong:

During the most recent Friction Materials Standards Institute annual meeting, many members articulated their feelings concerning the current wave of proposed legislation and regulations (covering asbestos dust exposure) confronting our industry. They felt we should strengthen our working committee, the "Asbestos Study Committee", into an articulate organization that can respond quickly to those proposals which require a response or data, that would aid in reaching conclusions that present the viewpoint of the manufacturers of friction material. The membership of FMSI includes many small corporations as well as the largest manufacturers, making it the most representative group in our product lines.

I have been personally convinced that you would be the best chairman for this committee. The membership will favorably respond, as well, to give you the support you need to act as "a bridge" between Government and the friction material industry. If I surmised the feeling of the membership, you will have their financial, personnel, and moral support as their spokesman.

We must address and respond to the latest EPA, OSHA, Workmens Compensation changes and international interchange of information. We must change the committee's name to something much broader in significance and staff this committee with industry spokespersons that are knowledgeable and ready to contribute to the objectives of the committee. We must truly represent all companies and interface with all other groups which are also working on the same or similar projects.

I would be appreciative if you do decide to take the chair in this committee. We can work on the membership as soon as necessary, if you desire.

Yours truly,

Ronald R. Moalli
President

cc: Mr. E. Drislane