

To: P. Kotin, M.D.

Date: July 11, 1979

From: E. M. Fenner .

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Subject: LARYNGEAL CANCER - ASBESTOS EXPOSURE
BENDIX CORPORATION OF CANADA

Mr. James Weber, Manager, Safety and Protection Services for the Bendix Corporation, is a member of the AIA/NA Technical and Monitoring Committees. Mr. Weber is in Denver presently for meetings of these committees.

Mr. Weber called me this morning concerning a problem confronting the Bendix plant in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. Their UAW local union has submitted to the Workers' Compensation Board of Canada an extensive document, approximately 150 pages, detailing a claim that five Bendix employees have contracted laryngeal cancer as a result of their exposure to asbestos in the Bendix plant.

The compensation board presently is considering the union's submittal and plans to make, within the next two to three weeks, a decision as to whether or not the diseases are occupationally caused and therefore compensable. If the compensation board rules in favor of the union request, Bendix plans to contest.

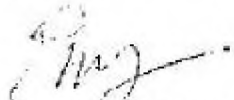
The purpose of Mr. Weber's call was to ask for a meeting with you Thursday or Friday of this week to discuss three requests:

- (1) Would you meet with Mr. James Armstrong, Director, Safety and Protection Services of Bendix, an in-house attorney from Bendix, an outside lawyer representing Bendix in Canada, and Mr. Weber, to discuss the subject of laryngeal cancer and asbestos exposure.
- (2) Would you review a written text that the Bendix Canadian counsel prepares, based on information received during your meeting, for submittal to the Canadian Workers' Compensation Board.

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(3) Would you act as an expert witness for Bendix if
the cases come to trial.

I told Mr. Weber that I was sure you would agree to meet with
him, but I could not predict your reaction to the three requests.


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