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Dear Tom:

I mentioned that I would provide some thoughts and background for discussion of the Association's work during the coming months. The attachment is invited to your attention. My comments are informal, as they came to mind, with no order of priority.

It seems that our paramount concerns should be with our preparation for hearing on OSHA's proposals and obtaining favorable or at least reasonable judgments or verdicts in asbestos cases.

We will closely follow developments with the generic concept for the regulation of carcinogens as they may affect asbestos regulation. As you know, EPA and CPSC are involved as well as OSHA. We may expect further actions by EPA on asbestos control this year as a result of the Supreme Court decision with regard to "work practices" not being a standard for control. We may see some further actions by CPSC though we believe that the Kearney Report will not be unreasonable. The Department of Transportation may be expected to propose regulations for the transport of hazardous materials with specific reference to asbestos. We are aware that the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Bureau of the Treasury Department plans investigation of asbestos in alcoholic beverages resulting from use of asbestos filters.

I believe you share my belief that this year can be of great significance to the future well-being of the asbestos industry. The N.Y. Academy of Science Conference will be extremely important to thinking on the asbestos-health

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issues. Actions on asbestos regulation by a number of foreign countries must be carefully watched for their impact on the U.S. We need to be alert and bring our best thinking together to establish reasonable attitudes regarding asbestos and health or further erosion of the market will surely result. Aggressive involvement by the membership is necessary to our objectives.

With all good wishes,

Cordially,

R.H. Mereness,
Executive Director

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NO.	AREA	STATUS:
		information received from participants. meeting has been requested by Brandyberry to discuss state of project. This meetin should be held as soon as possible. As a replacement for Guy Gabrielson as Chairma of the Captive Insurance Committee, I sug Sy Weiss of Flintkote and will contact hi
5	Information/ Education/ Publications	At the direction of Mr. Poutiatine, Jim B of J-M is reviewing materials now availab from AIA/NA and will make recommendations other materials that should be made avail from the Association. In addition, Reas- met with Friction Materials Standard Inst to develop work practice material for bra service industry. AIA/NA Technical Comm is reviewing current Association work pra handbooks. Asbestos Cement Pipe Produce Association has developed work practice which is now being given mass distribut New AIA/NA handbook on federal and stat. bestos regulations will be distributed in two weeks. "Asbestos and Health"pamphlet editing process.
6	Asbestos Sampling and Monitoring Program	Program now underway. No federal governm (OSHA-NIOSH) participation though effort made to obtain. Twenty-eight laboratorie collecting and counting; 18 other laborat just counting. Report by Rhodas will be to Executive Committee.
7	Federal Studies, grants for asbestos research	Information obtained under Freedom of Inf mation Act on numerous government funded studies and grants for research on asbest and its relationship to disease being com by staff. Expect report to be finished b mid-March.
8	AIA/NA Comment on OSHA, other federal government regulatory agency generic cancer concepts for regulation of asbestos.	Date for notification of intent to appear at OSHA public hearing on proposed generic cancer policy delayed until February 27 AIA/NA closely following work of Americ Industrial Health Council, NMA, Chamber o Commerce and ORC. We may wish to endorse AIHC comments. We may wish to ask for op

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