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744 Broad Street
Newark 2, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Monigan:

Frederick LeGrande v
JOHNS-MANVILLE
STH 10-2301

After reviewing the copy of supplementary interrogatories which were enclosed with your letter dated October 3, 1958, we decided that the best procedure would be to permit you to prepare the formal reply to the supplementary interrogatories from the following information:

INTERROGATORY NO. 1

The use of respirators was not adopted as a result of various Industrial Hygiene Foundation surveys, but as a result of numerous industrial hygiene surveys conducted by J-M employees at our plant locations over a period of years. The maximum acceptable concentrations as established by the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists are accepted as Company standards to be maintained.

INTERROGATORY NO. 2

With the exception of Insulating Cements 301 and 302, the products listed in the reply to (1) of the original interrogatories are hard products which do not contain any dust which may cause asbestosis if inhaled in sufficient quantities. A dust may be created if the products were to be shaped and cut by a saw. Insulating Cements 301 and 302 are dry cements and therefore would contain a dust which could be inhaled.

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INTERROGATORY NO. 3

To the best of our knowledge, the defendant has never provided special ventilating equipment to any applicator.

INTERROGATORY NO. 4

The defendant knows or has reason to believe that approximately twelve employees have contracted asbestosis while employed by JOHNS-MANVILLE CORPORATION or its subsidiaries since 1946.

INTERROGATORY NO. 5

The defendant does not supply respirators to all of its employees engaged in manufacturing operations. Industrial hygiene surveys conducted by J-M personnel indicate whether or not a particular area exceeds the maximum acceptable concentration. Once this standard has been exceeded, the employees in the area are required to wear respirators until the dust is controlled by ventilation, and/or work methods, and/or formula changes, and/or improved housekeeping

Please forward a formal reply to my attention so that I may have it executed by a Corporate Officer.

Very truly yours,

JOHNS-MANVILLE CORPORATION

A. M. SCHMIDT
Insurance Manager

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bcc: A. L. Fisk, Jr.