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May 13, 1954

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Dear Hugh:

Reply to your request of April 13, 1954 concerning hygiene information which should be furnished to those making inquiry.

We feel that the type of information appropriate for dissemination falls into three classifications -

1st - Engineering - Detailed description of asbestos dust elimination including equipment, dust hoods, and other pertinent information which is attributed to reducing the hazard. We have sent to some member companies detailed prints of much of our equipment and are willing to furnish to the Air Hygiene Committee all information available.

2nd - Methods - Procedures and Equipment to make dust counts. This is pretty well under way with the job being done by the Travellers Insurance Company and the Federal Government in evaluating equipment. Our next problem will be to get the various State Departments and other organizations to adopt a standard.

3rd - Medical - We believe that each Industry should fully cooperate and give all medical information pertinent to Asbestosis to an organized medical group. We believe that any confidential information released should come only from this Medical Group. We feel confident that such a Medical Group will not release any information that may create, in the minds of the public or of employees, a feeling that the Asbestos Industry is a hazardous one.

You'll note that all the bibliography on Asbestosis whether it be Experimental Studies of Asbestosis, by Dr. Vorwald et.al., Public Health Bulletin #241, The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company Study in both Canada and the United States, Dr. Merriweather's report, etc. were all issued by Medical Groups.

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I hope this will guide you in our thinking on this subject.

Again I compliment you on the fine work you are doing.

Yours very truly,

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