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Dr. H. D. Kautz,
Assistant Secretary,
Council on Pharmacy and Chemistry,
American Medical Association,
535 N. Dearborn Street,
Chicago 10, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

I regret the delay in replying to yours of March 22nd. It has been occasioned by the necessity of obtaining approval to divulge the information requested by you concerning the composition of Marinite.

This product is a low-density sheet material composed of asbestos fibre and hydrated mono-calcium silicate. In the presence of water Marinite is slightly alkaline, the alkalinity being equivalent to one-half grain of sodium bicarbonate dissolved in 200 cc of water. The product contains no soluble or insoluble toxic materials. The soluble materials are present only in extremely small quantities (traces).

I trust that the foregoing information will be sufficient for your purposes. I might add that we have never before encountered a case of allergic reaction to this product, although we are advised by the Industrial Health Section of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company that for every substance forming a part of the earth's composition there will be found a greater or lesser number of people who will suffer an allergy from contact therewith.

Very truly yours,

Vandiver Brown,
Secretary.

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