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Internal Correspondence

To Dr. P. Kotin

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There are several things which have come up that I believe we should discuss when you return.

At a recent meeting of the Asbestos Committee, Aaron Finkbiner raised the question of labeling and what our procedures were on this. I informed him that you had this well under control and were in the process of setting up a mechanism whereby all safety and health labeling would be reviewed by you and staff. He was concerned particularly about our AC pipe as well as the manuals that go to the contractors outlining the correct procedures for installation of pipe and other materials.

He again raised a valid point of the International Division failing to label any products used outside of the U.S. He feels we have a definite liability since we are labeling within the States. We know of the hazards, and we could be held at a later date for some of these products that are used in Canada or Europe. I agree with Aaron on this subject, not necessarily from the labeling point of view, but most certainly from the worker protection point of view.

We might also discuss the in-plant conditions of the International plants.

The subject was raised regarding the transmission or presentation of factual information both to the lay public as well as the medical profession. Methods of getting factual information regarding asbestos into the lay press as well as into the medical press were presented by several people.

I raised the question with Bill Sells of the Pipe Division as well as Rob Warrick of the Fiber Glass Division regarding the in-house JM TLV's. It is obvious that we cannot rely on Government for the TLV's to protect our workers. I received a strong plea from both of these gentlemen that we set an in-house standard, something they could design and control systems to, a figure which they could discuss with their workers, a figure that they could use for instituting respiratory protection when it was exceeded, etc.

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