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Internal Correspondence

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Date: June 14, 1974

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Subject: CAUTIONARY LABEL - TALC
Your letter of June 12, 1974

According to Dick VonWald, it is not necessary to identify the quantity of tremolitic fibers in talc to meet the Governmental and Legal requirements of our cautionary label. I would suggest that serious consideration be given to wording the cautionary label merely stating that:

> "This commercial talc product may contain fibrous tremolite, which has been classified by OSHA as an asbestiform mineral"

followed by the second sentence as you indicate in your letter of June 12.

According to R. S. Lamar and G. Coombs, the actual percentages of fibrous tremolite in our various grades vary very widely, not only between grades, but also within samples of a given grade. Secondly, the technique of determining the fibrous content of our talcs, and the mathematical handling of the data leaves a lot to be desired and can be seriously challenged by anyone who wishes to do so.

I suggest that a cautionary label merely indicating the presence of fibrous tremolite will have no greater effect on the merchandising of the product than will the actual identification of our estimated percentage of fibrous content.

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