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Mr. M. Q. Scowcroft July 24, 1974

McGill Study of Asbestos Safety Garments

As John Magenheimer has previously commented on your letter of June 28 concerning the McGill study, I will limit my observations to the following:

1. The McGill study confirms earlier British studies showing that in normal use asbestos safety garments can release concentrations of asbestos fibers in excess of permissible limits.

2. There is evidence that aluminizing or otherwise treating the fabric will significantly reduce the amount of fiber released.

3. Asbestos safety garments are necessary for the protection of workers in essential industries.

4. The safety garment industry must take measures to insure that users of asbestos garments are protected from inhalation of asbestos fibers and that the use of such garments does not violate the OSHA Asbestos Standard.

5. R/M has the knowledge and capabilities needed to lead the industry in the development and marketing of asbestos safety garments. If there is further delay we will lose the advantage we now have.

Copies of two British studies and a memorandum from Stephen Holmes are attached.

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