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Mr. F.D. Dexter
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Union Carbide Corporation
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Dear Frank:

I am enclosing with this a copy OVER of a report made by Ian Sayers, our asbestos representative in the U.K., concerning a recent meeting he attended of the Asbestos Fiber Importers Committee. The details of the meeting are given in the report.

I believe it is evident from the report that all asbestos producers are facing a very serious problem in the U.K. in getting their material handled on the docks. It appears that the situation is not going to get any better as the popular publications continue their series of exposés about the dangers of asbestos.

My purpose in writing to you is to ask for your comments concerning the advisability of our continuing to work with this industrial committee. I am sure you are aware that we have always avoided any close connections with the conventional asbestos producers so that we could maintain a free hand in all of our production and marketing decisions. In this case, however, it appears that we may have something to gain in joining in a common fight against an emotional problem. I feel that we should continue to cooperate with this group as long as we can do so without incurring any obligations in any other area of our asbestos activities. Here I guess you will have to rely on us to keep out of any unwanted entanglements. I do not intend that either Ian or I proceed further until we have some comments back from you on this subject. If you are neutral then we will proceed to cooperate at "arms length". I will keep you fully advised. What do you think?

Best regards,

THOMAS J. HALL.

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SAYERS' REPORT ILLEGIBLE. SUMMARY FOLLOWS:

AFIC IS 11 ENGLISH IMPORTERS. NEW DOCK & FACTORY REGULATIONS IMMINENT. ARE WORKING WITH GOV'T & UNIONS TO LIMIT AREA OF AGITATION & TO AGREE ON USING IMPERMEABLE BAGS. DOCKERS MAY WANT DRUMS OR CONTAINERS.

OUR TELESCOPING SHROUD LOOKED GOOD TO EMPLOYERS' REP, BUT DOCKERS' REP DIDN'T SEE IT.

QUEBEC CHRYSOTILE ALSO HAS PROBLEMS W/ PALLETS SETTLING DURING SHIPMENT, NOT SO W/ AMOSITE OR CROCIDOLITE.

CANADIANS SEEM TO THINK BY IGNORING THE PROBLEM IT WILL GO AWAY. SAYERS THINKS THE DOCKERS INTEND TO STOP ALL ASBESTOS SHIPMENTS.

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