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Dear Mo:

Asbestos is on the way out in Tape Joint Compounds. While I cannot speak for all compound producers, U.S. Gypsum will not have any asbestos in their plants by July 1, 1976. They are already virtually asbestos free at New Brighton, Dallas and South Gate. All others are well on the way to converting their customers. With such a sweeping change, we should determine whether UCAR Latex 131 is still the "standard of the industry." As promised during our late December meeting, this letter will cover what I believe will be required in the way of Union Carbide Technical Service.

U.S. Gypsum is convinced that asbestos is through as a material in TJC. The asbestos controversy has reached the consumer level. Articles are appearing in such magazines as Good Housekeeping warning even the home owner to steer clear of asbestos TJC. U.S.G. has assumed that UCAR 131 is still the best latex. They have not run evaluations on other types. Eventually Air Products, DuPont, Celanese, Amsco, RCI, and/or Borden is going to precipitate a review and our 11-16MM #/year of business here could evaporate.

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