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Mr. R. H. Mereness
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Dear Bob:

Please reference the attached copy of my letter to Mr. Swan. He called me on March 22 regarding an article he was preparing on the "flap" between the American Newspaper Publishers Association (ANPA) and Mt. Sinai/NIOSH. He requested information about the use of asbestos in paper and newsprint. I responded on March 30.

Mr. Swan has talked to Bill Rinehart of ANPA R & D in Easton, PA, and I advised Rinehart of Swan's contact with me. Rinehart thinks Swan's article will be an assault on the NYC newspapers, especially the NY Times. He has kept Mt. Sinai out of the press rooms on the grounds that they would not get an impartial investigation. ANPA has advised NIOSH that they would welcome and finance a parallel inspection by someone of their choosing, to "counteract" Mt. Sinai's efforts.

If Swan quotes me it will relate to the period when we supplied asbestos to the paper industry, 1969-1974, and that asbestos has been replaced by talc and other materials. He may also note that our asbestos was pelletized to reduce employee exposure at the paper mills. I attempted to provide a quote that, to my knowledge, asbestos has never been used in newsprint. He said he didn't need this because the ANPA had already proven that.

The CJR is published quarterly and I am supposed to receive the issue which contains Swan's article.

Best personal regards and give me a call if you want to discuss this any further.

Very truly yours,

John L. Myers
Marketing Manager

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