REPORT OF CALL

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Date 4/16/75

Full Name National Gypsum Buffalo, NY Address Mfrs. of Building Products	Interviewed Mr. Frank Zimmerman (Telecon)

OBJECTIVE

To check on report that National's plant in Southgate, California was producing an asbestos-free mud for Hawaii because asbestos containing muds are prohibited by law in that state.

Mr. Zimmerman checked with Bob Wood their Long Beach plant manager. He initially said that he had never heard of any such ruling and couldn't find anyone who had. He counteracted this the next day, however, and stated that they had a telegram from a Mr. C. Gramlich who said that within 45 days they may be required to ship only non-asbestos joint compounds to Hawaii. Frank did not know exactly who Mr. Gramlich was but thought he was their sales representative in Hawaii.

On another subject, he also said that National Gypsum has arranged to have a showing of the British TV film, "Killer Dust - A Standard Mistake" plus another film of similar content in their offices in Buffalo sometime during the week of April 27. If at all possible, I plan to accept his invitation to attend. If anyone else is interested I can probably bring one or two more. Please let me know if interested. (If there is a group interested we can get the films to show here.)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It looks to me like there is a bill now in progress in the Hawaiian State legislature. The original AIA/NA respondant who was a city and county man was not aware of it. There has not yet been a response to their inquiry to the state.

The problem was discussed with Bob Mereness with the idea that time may be running out for input to moderate the bill. The problem we face is how to track down the facts. He will get in touch immediately with Howard Lederman of the GDCI and solicit his help.

HBR Follow with Mereness on 4/21/75.

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Added Note

In the event this works into a chance to present a rebuttal our technical position is not particularly strong. Freeze-thaw stability is not likely to be too much of a problem in Hawaii.

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