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Interviewed Walt Konn, Industrial Hygiene Staff Dr. Bill Krebs, " " " Vincent Castrop, Director " "	

The purpose of this meeting was to clarify certain aspects of the alleged asbestos ban.

The G.M. position is as reported earlier that they will continue to advise the various assembly & production plants that whereever possible asbestos replacements be found. They continue to have very strong feelings on this subject and have adopted the philosophy that " If it can happen, it will". This is in reference to the fact that if it is at all possible for an asbestos fiber to become airborne, regardless of binder etc, it will in fact occur. This fact, over a period of time, opens them up to potential law suits, i,e, they are presently defending themselves against a $ 500,000 suit by a former employee who engaged in the application of asbestos - contained (48%) undercoating.

In the future, in order for G,M. to utilize asbestos contained products, that product will have to have an over-riding superiority of physical properties than those normally present in a non-asbestos product. The burden of proof lies with the supplier. For example, they continue to use asbestos in brake linings because it outperforms a non-asbestos product.

On the question of the Lead Solder replacement program, Castrop indicated that cost to implement the program amounted to $ 1 MM each plant and was largely responsible for killing the program. They could see no advantage why GM should substitute one toxic material for another, plus a substantial cash outlay, when the potential for more strigent Federal regulations re; asbestos and the likelihood of employee suits prevailed.

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