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27th October, 1961.

Mr. R. L. Moore,
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    Development Department,
Raybestos-Manhattan Inc.,
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Manheim,
Pennsylvania.

Dear Bob,

In Mr. Waddell's absence I am replying
to your letter to him of the 11th October. The
question that Mr. Hawkins has posed is a difficult
one and is without doubt the 64,000 dollar question.
I am sure you will appreciate that the only really
safe number of fibres in the works atmosphere is
nil but, based on our own and other British asbestos
textile manufacturers' experience, we consider it
likely that a count of two to three fibres per cc.
in the size range 5 to 100 microns would constitute
a safe working level. I should add this assumes
that the overall particle size distribution is as
would normally be expected in asbestos textile
processing.

I am afraid the above is rather vague,
but I am sure you will appreciate that this topic
is fraught with difficulties, but I hope these
comments will be of some value to you.

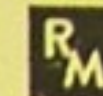Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

D. W. Hills.

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October 11, 1961

Mr. John Waddell
Turner Brothers Asbestos Company Ltd.
Rochdale, England

Dear John:

I sent the Turner Brothers Asbestos Company Ltd. answers
to the Textile Department questions to our General Asbestos & Rubber
Division, North Charleston, South Carolina. They were especially
interested in Dr. S. Holmes' report - "The Collection and Examina-
tion of Airborne Dust", 14/7/61. Mr. Hawkins, their Engineer in
Charge of Dust Problems, asked me the question - "What does
TBA consider the threshold value for fibers between 5 and 100
microns?"

I believe by "threshold value" he means the maximum
permissible quantity allowable.

Any information that you can send me will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

R. L. Moore, Director
Research and Development Dept.

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Will you reply to this J.L ?