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Cyril Smith, MBE, MP.,
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Dear Mr Smith,


EEC Directives on Asbestos-Containing
 Materials

I am sorry I have not replied sooner to your letter of 21st September but it only arrived on Monday 5th October badly damaged with a letter of apology from the Post Office. Apparently your letter had been savaged by some sorting or franking equipment!

However, we are most grateful to you for arranging the four reserved seats in the House on 23rd October and also for your very kind invitation to dinner on the Thursday evening, i.e. 22nd October, again in the House. Unfortunately I will have to miss the whole occasion because of unforeseen domestic circumstances but I am happy to accept the dinner invitation on behalf of our Chairman David Hills, Brian Heron, Norman Rhodes General Manager of our Industrial Textiles Division, and Reg Sykes our Senior Health & Safety Manager. My four colleagues will also attend the debate in the House on October 23rd.

In the meantime I look forward to seeing you at 9.30 next Tuesday 13th October here at TBA when you call in to go through your proposed speech.

Yours sincerely,


 Sidney Marks
 Personnel Director