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March 3, 1987

The Honorable Lee M. Thomas
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
401 M. Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Mr. Thomas:

It will be recalled that the Asbestos Information Association/
North America (AIA/NA) and the Asbestos Institute, by letter
of December 2, 1986, requested a meeting with you regarding
EPA's proposal to ban and phase out the use of asbestos. Your
office advised on December 10 that your December schedule pre-
cluded such a meeting. However, we were informed in a letter
dated December 19, 1986 from your general counsel, Francis
Blake, that he and Dr. John Moore were willing to meet with
representatives of AIA/NA and AI. My letter of December 19, 1986 renewed our request to meet with you because of the im-
portance of the matters to be discussed. SEE AX60187
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On January 5, 1987, your office advised that you felt a meeting
with you would be premature and AIA/NA and AI should first meet
with Mr. Blake and Dr. Moore. Your letter of January 28, 1987
reaffirmed your suggestion that an initial meeting be held with
the above EPA officials.

While admittedly disappointed at your declination to meet with
us at this time, we, nevertheless, have pursued arrangements
for a meeting with Mr. Blake and Dr. Moore. This was done with
the understanding that you will be available for a meeting at
a later date. Due to travel considerations affecting some of
our representatives, we proposed a meeting date of March 18.
This date was tentatively agreed on by Mr. Blake's office sub-
ject to the schedule of Dr. Moore. On February 12, it was
learned that Dr. Moore cannot be present on March 18 for a
meeting. In his stead, Susan Vogt has been nominated in order
that a March 18 meeting could be held.

A meeting on March 18 with Mr. Blake and Ms. Vogt is agreeable
to AIA/NA and AI. We wish to reiterate that this meeting is
in response to your suggestion and is contingent on AIA/NA and

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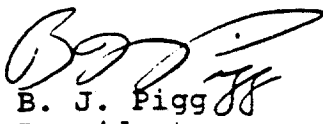
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AI having the opportunity to meet subsequently with you at a mutually convenient date.

Please know that we thank you for the consideration being afforded to the concerns of our organizations.

Copies of the letters referred to herein are enclosed for your information and convenience.

Sincerely,



B. J. Pigg
President

Enclosures