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Mr. Vining called me today concerning a letter to Mr. Brown from a Calvin R. Karr, Asbestos Products Inc., Tacoma, Washington.

The letter stated that Karr had talked with you concerning the tremolite asbestos at Libby, and that he was going to Libby to investigate the asbestos ore. Mr. Vining is going to write him in Mr. Brown's absence to "hold it." The letter had no company heading.

Mr. Vining is getting quite concerned, and so am I, about our people not following orders. The Libby mine and mill is closed to visitors. Only those salesmen, etc., required to carry on daily business are to be allowed on the property without proper clearance. Proper clearance means it comes from me or higher authority. I don't care who they are, even if they are licensees.

You should not have discussed the asbestos with this man but referred him to higher authority. I would like a written explanation of your conversation with Karr.

In the future please refer all such calls to me.

Also, in the future when we run samples of vermiculite from prospects we do not want information given to the people. Just say we are not interested or that you want to visit the area. Be very general. Mr. Vining was displeased when he recently read your letter to Mr. Vega on the Mexican deposits.

The point I am trying to get across is that our present policy is to tell no one anything, no visitors, or discussion of our operations, period.

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