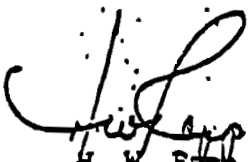


* protective equipment, nor is it practical in many cases. Control of asbestos in the community air is impossible when you consider the contribution from brake linings, abrasion of piping, house siding or other materials widely handled by the general public.

If indeed there is at least a causal relationship of asbestos to the cited diseases, which there appears there is, then a most serious loss potential to the Travelers exists. Even with the engineering controls we have available, the exposure will continue and the long development period of the disease suggests past exposures will continue to haunt us.

* It is certain gross exposures to asbestos have existed in the past and will continue in the future, even if greatly minimized. With the publicity presently given this problem, and with the Federal involvement in pollution problems, we could find ourselves overwhelmed with claims for the variety of diseases attributable to asbestos dust.

Both Assistant Secretary Hatch, of the Claim Department, and I have additional supporting material to document the points in this memo for anyone who may have interest to follow it further.


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