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John Strickevers, Director of Training Bureau of Fire Investigation New York City Fire Department 250 Livingston Street Brooklyn, NY 11201

Dear Mr. Strickevers,

I'm sorry I missed your call.

The C.S.I. (Construction Specification Institute), Shreveport, Louisiana Chapter would like to have a capable speaker, with strong knowledge of everyday fire problems, conduct a seminar for our members.

The program, as I envision it, could be broken into two catagories. You could present one in the morning and the other in the afternoon. I would suggest 9 AM to 12 Noon and 1 PM to 4 PM session blocks.

One session could cover fire problems due to design. It might look pretty from a design stand point but be dangerous for fire. This should cover multi-family, commercial and industrial.

One session could deal with materials. What is necessary to assure that products are <u>really</u> safe.

It has been my pleasure in the past to work on ASTM sub-committees and listen to some of your people's presentations. I found them most helpful.

The audience for the day would be made up of Architects, Engineers, Builders, Manufacturers, State Fire Marshall, City Codes and Standards people and Sales.

It is my opinion, that as an authority on fire problems, you have the greatest incidence of fire types of anyone. You have more examples to draw from as to actual bad designs, improper material usages, etc. We have a tendency, in the construction industry, to make our own "fire codes". We need to know why a 1 hour rating is necessary. We need to know what a 1 hour wall and 1 hour ceiling is and what it isn't.

A goal for the seminar would be to develope a feeling of moral obligation to design buildings without known fire traps and to specify materials for ultimate safety.

I would suggest a look at Louisiana Fire Codes before coming to town.

The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 8, 1985 in the Expo Hall. I anticipate 150 to 200 in attendance.

All of your expenses (limos, air fare, lodging, meals) will be paid by CSI Shreveport Chapter. I would anticipate your arrival the evening of Monday, January 7, 1985 and stay at the Regency. You could return on the 8th or 9th, whichever works best.

Feel free to expand or delete the subject matter as you see fit. Call and ask further questions as needed. I will call you Wednesday, November 7, about 10 AM your time to discuss further.

Respectfully,

W.L. Bostelmann, Chairman Education Committee, CSI

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