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**CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION**  
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CPSA 6 (b)(3) Cleared

*a* 5/12/94  
No other products of  
the same type  
are known to  
be in the  
market.

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 6, 1994

TO : Secretary  
Consumer Product Safety Commission

FROM : Alan H. Schoem *AHS*  
Attorney Advisor to the Chairman

SUBJECT: Meeting with JPMA on April 22, 1994

Participants: Ann Brown, Chairman, CPSC  
Barbara Rosenfeld, CPSC  
Alan Schoem, CPSC  
John Preston, CPSC  
Robert Verhalen, CPSC

John Moeller, Chairman, JPMA  
Bill MacMillan, President, JPMA  
Rick Locker, Counsel, JPMA  
Clarence McMerty, Vice-Chair, JPMA (Dundee Mills)  
Jonathan Breiter, JPMA (Hasbro, Playskool)  
Debbie Albert, Director, Public Relations, JPMA

Chairman Brown discussed her background and her general regulatory philosophy. She stated that she was particularly concerned with the safety of children and other vulnerable populations. She said the Commission should be a voice for the voiceless.

She expressed the view that industry needs to anticipate injury and not wait for injuries to happen. She set forth her three goals for CPSC. She wants it to be proactive, a player and highly visible and discussed what she means by those terms.

She made it clear she is serious about safety and intended to use the media to publicize corrective actions.

Chairman Brown expressed the view that information and education alone is not sufficient to address safety problems. She made it clear that as Chairman of CPSC she did not intend solely to tell consumers what to do to make products safe. She said there are three partners in product safety, consumers, industry, and government. As Chairman, she wants to be in a position to tell consumers what industry is doing about product safety, what the government is doing, and what consumers must do.

Bill MacMillan expressed agreement with the overall statements of the Chairman and stated that JPMA also was serious about safety and that JPMA is proactive.

Ann Brown then discussed a number of product areas of concern to her including used cribs, strollers, baby walkers, playpens, highchairs, baby bath seats, and infant bedding. Chairman Brown asked JPMA to expedite its voluntary standards activities, use the new ASTM provisional standard process wherever possible. JPMA agreed to expedite its activities where possible.

Chairman Brown and the JPMA representatives agreed to work together cooperatively wherever possible.