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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. W. Y. Elliott, Chief
Stockpile and Shipping Branch
Room 2001, Temporary "B"
FROM: Fred W. Gardner, Chief
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In order to achieve a stockpile on December 31, 1943, of one year's requirements and to secure the requirements for the year 1943, we recommend the public purchase of 73,742 short tons of South African asbestos.

The Board of Economic Warfare is sending a mission to negotiate with Turner-Newall, Ltd., (Raw Asbestos Distributors, Ltd.), and Cape Asbestos Company, Ltd., or Egnep, Ltd., for our entire 1943 supply of South African asbestos fibre; and we wish to recommend that purchases be made as follows:

AFRICAN CHRYSOTILE

C & O #1	1,438
C & O #2	7,476
C & O #3	17,967
C & O #4	5,404
Total	33,985

AFRICAN AMOSITE

B-1	2,215
B-3 and L-3	8,113
J/MS-1	8,041
M-1	11,570
Total	29,939

AFRICAN WIRE

A and C	60
MB or B	10,458
Total	10,518

GRAND TOTAL

All African 73,742

Of the amount finally agreed upon of C & O #3, 10 will be agreeable if not over 25% of that amount is HVL #3. The amount of HVL #3 finally agreed upon should be shipped only in proportion to the amount of C & O #3 that is shipped.

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The grades referred to above are the trade names of grades of Turner-Newall, Ltd., for Rhodesian Chrysotile, and of Cape Asbestos Company, Ltd., or Egnep, Ltd., for the Blue or Amosite.

All of the above fibre should be available for shipment and should be shipped as soon as possible and in all events prior to December 31, 1943.

The Combined Raw Materials Board Decision #74, dated August 20, 1942, provides that 900 tons C & O #1 & 2, 6,000 tons C & O #3 & 4, and 50 tons Blue A & C should be shipped to this country prior to any shipments to the United Kingdoms. Therefore, all the fibre covered by this decision that is not already covered by industry contracts should be made available for shipment and shipped prior to December 31, 1943. Such quantities are included in the recommendations given above as to totals, and should be included in the purchase negotiations.

In making contracts for the fibres recommended above, purchases should be made of the exact grades recommended and from the above mentioned suppliers. Should any other grades be offered as substitutes, confirmation should be received from this office prior to purchase.

The quantities recommended above include allowances for possible sinkings.

This recommendation supersedes all previous stockpile or purchase recommendations.

(signed) Fred W. Gardner

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