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To: MINA Technical Committee Members

Attention: Mr. Tolson L. Smith

Subject: HE-M-61a Insulation: - Thermal, Magnesia Block,
Pipe and Cement, Proposed Revision of Federal
Specification.

Enclosure: (1) Copy of Subject Proposal dated 1 May 1955.

Dear Mr. Smith:

In the course of our follow-up with the Bureau of Federal Supply, it was learned that our original draft proposal together with certain changes has been coordinated with some of the members of the Federal Task Group. However, in discussing the details of the draft with one of the members, it was learned that all of the recommended changes which we submitted by letter in May of this year were not included in the particular copy.

After discussing the matter with Mr. Thomason, we agreed to furnish a sufficient number of copies of the completely revised draft to ensure that consideration is given to all of our recommendations.

One of the major changes in the enclosed draft is contained in Paragraph 2, wherein applicable ASTM Specifications have been substituted for Commercial Standard CS131-46. As you will recall we objected to CS131-46 because of its identity with industrial mineral wool requirements. The only point that may affect this change is that the "Federal Outline of Form for Specifications" states that most governmental and nongovernmental specifications other than federal specifications should not be referenced in federal product specifications. Quoting from the Outline the "reasons for limiting the use of both governmental, other than federal specifications and nongovernmental specifications and publications are as follows:

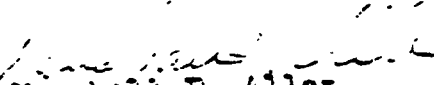
Such documents are not controlled by, and are subject to change without reference to, the Federal Specifications Board.

Difficulty is frequently encountered in securing copies of such documents to furnish bidders and inspectors.

Many nongovernmental specifications contain contractual features relative to claims and settlement of claims that may conflict with inspection, administrative, or legal procedures of the federal government."

If our proposed Federal Specification for methods of testing, which we will shortly submit for your consideration, is adopted it will overcome the above objection.

Very truly yours,


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