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TO: Commander (Code 500)
Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, WashingtonCommander (Code 500)
New York Naval Shipyard, Brooklyn, New YorkSupervisor of Shipbuilding and MIO
C/O Newport News Shipbldg & DD Co. Newport News, Va.

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NAVAL SPEEDLETTER—

Permits dispatch or informal language.

May be sent (1) with enclosures, (2) in a window envelope (size 8 1/2" x 3 1/2"). If contents are not classified as confidential or higher, (3) to both naval and nonnaval activities.

Is packaged 500 sheets of white or of one color: yellow, pink, or green.

Item 2 of New York Naval Shipyard Reqn Nr 131/7768-52 covers a quantity of 16,000 square yards Grade D Asbestos Cloth for delivery to the addressees for use in connection with conversions of USS Shangri La (CVA-38), USS Hancock (CVA-19) USS Ben Morris Richard (CVA-31) and USS Intrepid (CVA-11). As indicated in part 1 of enclosure (1), a total quantity of 7900 square yards has been placed on Contract HL55a-3676 with Raybestos Manhattan, Inc. and has been shipped complete as outlined therein.

In regard to the balance of 8100 square yards of Grade D Asbestos Cloth which has not been placed on contract, it is advised that the outlook for obtaining suppliers for this quantity is very unfavorable. Action to obtain directive assistance from the National Production Authority has been initiated. However, possibility of securing suppliers by this means also appears remote.

In view of the doubtful procurement status of Grade D Asbestos Cloth as outlined in paragraph 2 above and the possibility of using Grade B Asbestos Cloth as a substitute for Grade D, it is strongly recommended that the use of Grade B Asbestos Cloth be thoroughly investigated. At the present time, this appears to be the only alternative in filling requirements for balance of 8100 square yards of Grade D Asbestos Cloth for which a supplier has not been obtained.

Part II of enclosure (1) represents a resume of quantities of Grade B Asbestos Cloth placed on contract for delivery to the New York and Puget Sound Naval Shipyards. It is suggested that sufficient quantities of Grade B be obligated at these shipyards to fill requirements for that portion of

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the Grade D Cloth which has not been placed on contract under Reqn 131/7768/52. It is further requested that the New York Naval Shipyard obligate an additional quantity of 1500 square yards of Grade B Asbestos Cloth to provide for requirements at Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company for the USS/ Intrepid.

This office will continue to exhaust all possible means to effect procurement of required quantities of Grade D Asbestos Cloth and/or locate other acceptable substitutes for same.

C. A. GIBBS

By direction

Encl:

(1) Resume of Grades B and D Asbestos Cloth on Reqn 131/7768-52

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ENCLOSURES RECEIVED IN 245

STATUS OF GRADES B AND D ASBESTOS CLOTH ON REIN 131/7768-52

QTY REQUIRED

16000 SY

QTY AWARDED

7900 SY

QTY UNAWARDED

8100 SY

PART I

GRADE D ASBESTOS CLOTH

<u>ACTIVITY AND VESSEL</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>QTY AWARDED AND SHIPPED</u>	<u>CONTRACT</u>	<u>QTY UNAWARDED</u>
Newport News, Va. USS Intrepid (CV 11)	4000	2500	N155a-3676	1500
NSY Puget Sound USS Shangri LA CV38	4000	0		4000
NSY Puget Sound USS Hancock CV19	4000	3400	N155a-3676	600
NSY New York USS Bon Homme Richard CV31	4000	2000	N155a-3676	<u>2000</u> 8100

PART II

GRADE B ASBESTOS CLOTH

GRADE B ASBESTOS CLOTH DUE ON CONTRACT

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>QUANTITY DUE</u>	<u>CONTRACT</u>
NSY New York	5000	N155a-6439
	12000	N155a-6623
NSY Puget Sound	20000	N155a-5308