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Division Headquarters, Box 91
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Crude + spunny - very short
Shingle + patch - tight
Waste + shorts - fair

W. C. Winblad, Washington, D.C.

J-M Asbestos Textiles Commitments

In connection with N.P.A. meeting held July 17th, F. J. Wakem has asked me to write you in detail as to how much J-M is committed for to various defense agencies and requirements as of this date. As you know, we have made a most substantial contribution of cloth and other materials in the past several months having cleaned up the total Lap, Roving, and Yarn requirements of 3 of the 9 cable manufacturers involved in the Navy program. We are still committed for vital defense needs, in pounds, as follows:

The Navy program, cable insulation materials	69,315
For Navy Yards, cloth (over 13,000 yds.)	30,400
For bomber heat shields	44,000
For airplane closure seals	17,500
Detroit Arsenal Tanks	16,000
Petroleum tank seal cloths	50,000
Procurement Office, USEO	14,000
	241,215 lbs.

As of today, the textile orders on Manville are 44.7% D.O. and, upon analysis, 32% of them are indicated as being for use in weapons or other fighting forces equipment.

You may advise the A.S.O. that we can take on 4000 yds. per month of either Type A glass with asbestos or Type B plain weave, shipment to start after we have completed the 13,000 odd yards now on the books as per previous arrangement with Lieutenant Ponder at A.S.O. In this connection, it is realized that there is probably not enough manufacturing capacity in America to come close to meeting the consolidated Navy cloth requirements as stipulated at the recent meeting. You should, therefore, invite the attention of the interested parties to the fact that Carolina Asbestos Company, Garlock Packing Company, the Gatke Corp. of Chicago and the Keasbey & Mattison Co. do not, as yet, appear to have taken any important percentage of the Navy cloth requirements nor, indeed, have they, to our knowledge, taken any of the cable insulation requirements.

There are others in the business of producing asbestos yarns such as Russell Manufacturing Co. and Asten-Hill Manufacturing Co. of Philadelphia who might be persuaded to manufacture yarns for others who have weaving capacity but who are short on asbestos yarn supplies. For your personal information, tabulation of all Asbestos Textile Dept. orders on hand today at Manville total 743,028 lbs., of which 331,269 lbs. are on D.O. and the majority of these are not D.O. 97 priorities.

If we can furnish any additional information to help you in your efforts to avoid our being assigned cloth orders in an unreasonable, arbitrary amount, please advise.

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