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From

Turners Asbestos Cement Co. Ltd.

TRAFFORD PARK, MANCHESTER

To

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Your Ref. Our Ref. RMB/JMW

3rd December, 1958

Dear Mr. Collins,

Draft Shipbuilding Regulations

Use of Power Driven Saws in Shipyards

With further reference to your letter of 26th November, the position appears to be that there is really no use of power driven saws in situ, i.e. on the ship; most cutting is done, in the larger shipyards at any rate, in joiners' shops in which there is suitable dust extraction plant; any cutting done on board ship is done by hand tools.

It is clear that the requirement referred to in your letter is not likely to react in any way against the usage of any asbestos or asbestos-cement board and that the best course may be for us to let matters take their course rather than to draw attention specifically to our products; this, I think, is your own opinion.

Perhaps you will let me know what you think. We shall be very happy to send somebody to talk with the appropriate official at the Ministry of Labour and National Service if you wish and, as I have said above, we do not see any particular danger to our commercial interests in these developments.

Yours faithfully,

R. M. Bateman