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Messrs.

A. Chinn,

C.M. House. ✓

Referring to correspondence concerning the Illinois Occupational Diseases Act, Mr. Chinn's last letter of April 27th, and Mr. House's letter of February 23rd:

It is my understanding that the rules which have been under consideration have not yet been adopted, and that we are as yet not obligated by law to provide the equipment or adopt the practices referred to. In Mr. House's letter of February 23rd, he reports that to provide respirators and masks as recommended by Mr. Seniff would cost about \$465.00. No estimate was made of the cost of making the other changes recommended. We cannot afford to spend any money at this time which is not absolutely essential and I would now like your joint recommendation, in view of the changed conditions, as to spending any or all of this money. With our reduced shop operations, probably Mr. Seniff's estimate of the number of respirators and masks needed would be greatly reduced.

I wish Mr. House would also give consideration to the suggestions made in Mr. Chinn's letter of April 27th, with respect to spray painting our locomotives on the outside to reduce the hazard, and the cost of providing special facilities.

Mr. House should also look into the matter of providing ventilated hoods used for babbitting and brazing operations, adopted by the Milwaukee, as referred to in the last paragraph of Mr. Chinn's letter.

I particularly desire to know how far you think we should go at this time in providing the equipment and making the changes referred to in Mr. Seniff's letter, and what part of it can be postponed for the time being.

H. E. Voorhees.