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Messrs. W.P. Fuller & Co.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Gentlemen:-

METALLIC ZINC:
RED OXIDE OF MERCURY:

We acknowledge receipt of your night letter message of the 27th inst., requesting us to wire price on 1000 lbs. Metallic Zinc and 500 lbs. Red Oxide of Mercury to comply with specifications of the United States Shipping Board #145.

In reply beg to advise we have taken up this matter with all the principal houses in this line, but obtained only one quotation on each article.

The Mallinckrodt Chemical Co. quote Technical Red oxide of Mercury at \$2.18 per lb. delivery in two to three weeks for immediate acceptance. They cannot give us the two weeks option requested. They advise that they do not know what the specifications mentioned call for, but claim they are supplying this material to the Navy for use in protecting boats against barnacles.

Several of the large manufacturers are familiar with the specifications but state they are tied up with Government orders and are therefore not in a position to quote. Others stated it would be necessary for them to know what these specifications called for before they could tell whether or not they would be able to quote.

The only quotation we received on Zinc was from the New Jersey Zinc Co. They offer Zinc Dust or Blue Powder at 11¢ per lb. They also mentioned that they were not familiar with the specifications and therefore did not know whether or not this material would answer.

We are trying to obtain a copy of the specifications mentioned and on receipt of same will continue our investigation.