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OFFICE COMMUNICATION

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Armstrong

To J. W. Liddell, AC&S, Lancaster
From J. J. Roper, AC&S, Boston
Subject James R. Shepard

April 7, 1958

PLAINTIFF'S
EXHIBIT
ACS-31

PERSONAL

Dear Jim:

On February 3rd, we received a communication from The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Division of Industrial Accidents, dated January 31, 1958, indicating that the above-named, who was a Pipe Coverer and who worked for us from September 17, 1957 to November 4, 1957, had an accident on the job. We had no record of any accident and our foreman indicates that none was reported to him. On February 4, 1958, upon receipt of the communication, Frank Sherman mailed in an accident report form giving the man's name and address and other statistics, and quoted as follows: "This man was employed by us from ~~September~~ 17, 1957 to November 4, 1957.....have no record of any accident on job...was applying Pipe Covering and Block at job (Mystic Station, Boston Edison Company)".

A few days ago, when I was out of the office, Mr. Giroux of the Division of Industrial Accidents, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 18 Tremont St., Boston, called at the office and advised Frank Sherman that James Shepard had died, apparently of some lung disorder and that "his wife intended to sue the Armstrong Cork Company claiming that the cause of death was the result of his working for the Armstrong Cork Company."

James Shepard was a Plasterer working on a permit as a Pipe Coverer and probably spent a minor part of his working life as a Pipe Coverer. Of course it is quite obvious that in working for us for a period of only seven weeks, he could hardly have contracted anything in this length of time which could have resulted in his death. We believe that we are his last Employer and Mr. Giroux told Frank Sherman that this was probably why his wife was bringing action against the Armstrong Cork Company. You will note that the time during which he worked for us, he was in the employ of the Armstrong Cork Company, not the Armstrong Contracting and Supply Corp.

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