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Ser 533P-5308

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From: Chief, Bureau of Ships
To: Commanding Officer, General Stores Supply Office
Via: Chief, Bureau of Supplies and Accounts

Subj: Fire retardant deck tile

Ref: (a) BUSHIPS ltr 814/3(533) Ser 533P-1782 of 31 May 1955
(b) BUSHIPS ltr 814/3(533) Ser 533P-4715 of 28 Oct 1955

Encl: (1) NavbandA Form 87, Bureau of Ships Serial 6558
(2) NavbandA Form 87, Bureau of Ships Serial 6559

1. By reference (a), the Bureau requested that fire retardant vinyl asbestos tile be considered as alternate "B" in the purchase of 500,000 pieces of tile. Since this procurement, another bid announcement for 300,000 pieces has been made.

2. In view of the above and in view of the equality of fire retardant vinyl asbestos tile, Specification MIL-T-18830, with fire retardant linoleum tile, Specification MIL-T-2904, in durability and fire retardancy at approximately one half the cost, enclosures (1) and (2) are forwarded to discontinue purchase of the latter and to permit the former tile to supersede it. Stocks of linoleum tile should be utilized until depleted.

3. Vinyl asbestos tile shall be purchased under Specification MIL-T-18830. Color samples were forwarded by reference (b) and are similar to colors of linoleum tile. The currently qualified suppliers are Armstrong Cork Company and Congoleum-Kaizer Inc. Qualified Products List 18830 will be issued shortly.

4. Information is requested on the quantity of fire retardant linoleum tile and vinyl asbestos tile on hand or under procurement in the various colors and the stock numbers assigned to the latter.

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