The RUBEROID Co.

ST. LOUIS, MO.

For Attention Mr.K.R.Mac Donald - New York *Date* August 22, 1951

Copy to Messrs. M.J.Messel - W.L.Nelson *Reference*

Subject DAMAGE TO ASBESTOS FIBRE BAGS

Upon investigation, we have found that from six to fifteen bags are torn at the time the rail car door is opened so that the car can be unloaded. The bags are packed quite close to the doors and tend to flatten out when enroute. The sliding motion of the door at the time it is opened tears the bags. This loss of bags, fibre and labor expense can be avoided if we can prevail on the Canadian mines (Canadian Johns-Manville) and our Vermont mine to use a couple of woodsn boards, or a substitute, between the bags and the car doors. As you people know our Vermont mine now use a heavily reinforced paper in the cars containing 6-D in kraft bags.

Do you think it advisable to bring this to the attention of our Canadian vendors, and will Mr. Messel advise what he could do in reference to shipments from Vermont?

R.R.Letcher

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