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February 7, 1969

TO: SHIPYARD MEMBERS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Walsh-Healey Act, Revised Health and Safety Standards

You will recall that the Safety Committee of the Council met in November and agreed on views that would be submitted to the Department of Labor on Revised Health and Safety Standards for Federal Supply Contracts under the Walsh-Healey Public Contracts Act.

The statement of the Council subsequently made available to the Bureau of Labor Standards dealt principally with occupational noise exposure limitations proposed to the Bureau; radiation exposure; exposure to harmful gases; vapor fumes; dusts and mists; materials handling; safety guards on machines; compressed gases and several of the consensus standards incorporated by reference such as those on welding, traffic, safety, etc.

The day before the Johnson Administration left office Labor Secretary Willard Wirtz approved revised Walsh-Healey Safety and Health Standards which made a number of changes in the previous draft and included some new material. The full text of the Department of Labor press release with a print of the revised regulations as published in the FEDERAL REGISTER is attached.

We understand the consensus of the Safety Committee to be that a letter objecting to certain of the new material incorporated in this revision should be filed with newly appointed

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Labor Secretary George Shultz before the effective date of the revised regulations, February 17, 1969. Such a letter has been drafted for review and comment by the members of the Council's Safety Committee, and will go to the Secretary in due course.

As a matter of information there is also attached copies of letters from the NAM and MAPI to Secretary Shultz asking that the regulations not become effective on February 17. We will keep you informed.

E. P. Ruddy

Edward P. Ruddy
Secretary

Enclosure