

Westinghouse

Hampton Engineering
Section Manager
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FROM Hampton Works
DATE January 20, 1956
SUBJECT Customer Order Development
D- 8-56 Moore McCormick
and

I am attaching a copy of Dick Dement's letter dated January 13 giving his thoughts on this subject.

Since that time I have talked to Dick on the phone and he apparently has had some preliminary discussions with the Coast Guard. Apparently, they have indicated to him that they will probably give approval to a product in a thickness of .040" made up of approximately 50% combustible material and 50% non-combustible. They have indicated to him that the reason they are not interested in using our aluminum-MICARTA combination is the fact that if a fire developed aboard ship that the heat generated would be very rapidly dissipated through the aluminum sheet and consequently would cause a failure of the bond between the MICARTA and aluminum. This deficiency in our product is in addition to the problem of corrosion which has been previously pointed out.

We recently discussed the desirability of having a meeting with Dick Dement and other U. S. Plywood people to determine our future course of action on this development and other things that we are working on. I believe that such a meeting would be very desirable. In fact, I have been advocating such a meeting for over a year but so far have not been able to get all interested parties together in one place at the same time. I believe we should plan to have this meeting at the time of your next get-together with the Deskey Organisation which I understand will be sometime around the early part of February. I hope that you will go to work on this Customer Order Development to see what sort of a product you can come up with that might have a chance of receiving the Coast Guard approval.

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Enclosure

