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METALS RESERVE COMPANY

WASHINGTON, D. C.
May 17, 1943

AIRMAIL

Raw Asbestos Distributors Limited
Spotland
Rochdale
Lancs., England

Gentlemen:

We have your letter of April 28, on the subject of movement of Rhodesian chrysotile asbestos.

It is noted that you estimate shipping quotas over the balance of the year must average 3,300 tons monthly in order to complete the contract and that with present limitations on tonnage to be carried on any single vessel, this will mean that approximately four vessels will have to be provided monthly.

It is my understanding that our shipping authorities expect to be able to provide an average of four vessels monthly over the balance of the year and that this expectation is the basis for the present loading limitations. In the event the expectations as to shipping should change, a corresponding change of loading limitations will be instituted.

Sincerely yours,

S. D. Strauss
Assistant Vice President

SDS:eg
cc Mr. Browning - WPB
Mr. Gardiner - BEW
Mr. Bridgman
Mr. T. A. Hamilton
Mr. Levinson
Mr. Patterson

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