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FROM Cleveland OFFICE Research Administration DEPT

FOR Cleveland OFFICE DATE March 12, 1971

MR J. J. Lenzetti SUBJECT Exterior House Paints
Lead Elimination

REFER TO LETTER OF DICTATED BY

As all of you already know, all of our outside house paints must be revised to eliminate lead to comply with the Federal "Lead-Based Paint Prevention Act".

A tentative goal of September 1st has been set for the completion of most of this work.

Coordinating all the phases of what will have to be done will be extremely critical. To make certain that the conversion will be completed as smoothly as possible, it has been proposed that a task force be set up. At the moment, this will consist of:

J. J. Lenzetti
B. W. Stephens
J. J. Wolf
R. S. Taub

The Printing Plant and the Manufacturing Department are also asked to supply a member. A meeting of this group will be held at 10:00 a.m., March 19th, in Bob Tschannen's office.

As the various parts of this conversion proceed, if there are questions, they should be directed to the appropriate member of the task force.

At least insofar as the S-W label is concerned, the decision has been made to eliminate all existing primers and go to a single rex — A2 W8, which will be parallel to B48 W31. Decisions on what to do on all other labels need to be worked out; and we urgently need advice from the Marketing people controlling the various labels on how they wish to proceed.

In Whites, we plan to replace 12/88 Leaded Zinc with Oxide 30P.

Colors will be reformulated to alkyd quality similar to that being sold on the West Coast. Some of the present alkyds must be revised to lower the lead.

On some of the chrome yellow containing colors, it may be necessary, in order to avoid extreme cost increases, to revise the colors.

Residential metal primers will also have to be revised.

This is a highly complex problem and timing will be very critical, so we urge that anyone who becomes involved keep the task force informed.

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