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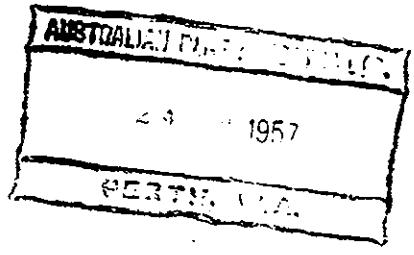

Mr. K.O. Brown,
The Colonial Sugar Refining Co.Ltd.,
Building Materials Division,
1-7 Bent Street,
SYDNEY.

Dear Mr. Brown:

We cabled you on June 10 as per copy attached.

Please refer to your letter of March 27, 1957 to Mr. Reynolds regarding the quality of No.3 Blue Australian Asbestos Fibre, J-M specification No. 61923-1, being received on order GPD-20531.

We looked for an improvement in the quality but unfortunately recent shipments appear to be worse than those previously received. We refer specifically to a shipment on the SS "Pioneer Glen". The fibre was tested at two plants - Marrero, Louisiana, and Waukegan, Illinois. We are sorry to say it is the poorest quality we have received, as shown by the data which has been plotted on the attached graphs.

Please note the graphs show test data on incoming shipments for 1955, 1956 and 1957. The red marks cover the test data on the shipment of fibre on the "Pioneer Glen". In addition to the above several other conditions have developed which are very serious.

(1) Shipments are being received with bags closed by metal staples. This is very undesirable as some of the staples get into the fibre. Attached is a sample of the staple. (In one bag we found an entire box of staples).

(2) Two bags received at Marrero, Louisiana, contained sawdust and wood instead of fibre. These bags were fastened and packed in the same manner as other bags in the shipment.

(3) A shipment recently received at Manville, New Jersey contained long pieces of wood in the fibre, per sample also enclose .

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All of these conditions were discussed with Dr. Vernon during his visit here last week.

We would appreciate your review of the problems and advice as follows

(1) Can we be assured of an immediate improvement in the quality? Please refer to J-M specification No. 61923-1.

(2) Will you immediately revert to sewing bags closed instead of using metal staples?

(3) Will you take steps to insure the elimination of wood particles and other foreign matter in bags of fibre?

(4) Will you make sure future shipments do not have bags containing 100% sawdust? We assume you will forward a credit covering 180 lbs. (2 bags) of sawdust shipped as Asbestos Fibre.

The problem of quality is very serious as it is causing considerable rejects in the production of the finished product.

We look forward to your reply.

Very truly yours,

D.H. Lyons
Director of Purchasing

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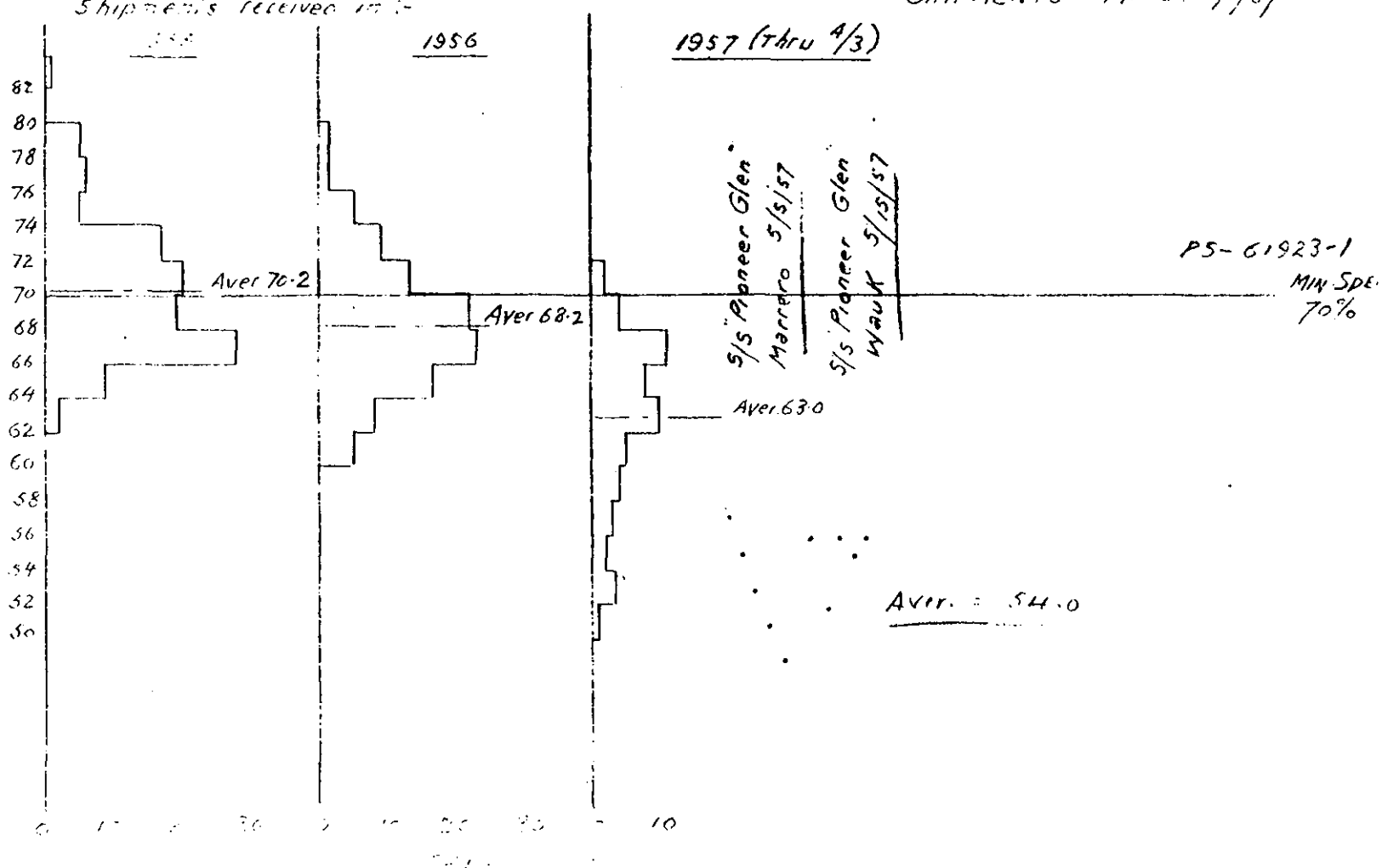
AUSTRALIAN BLUE FIBRE

+14 MESH

SHIPMENTS AFTER 3/1/57



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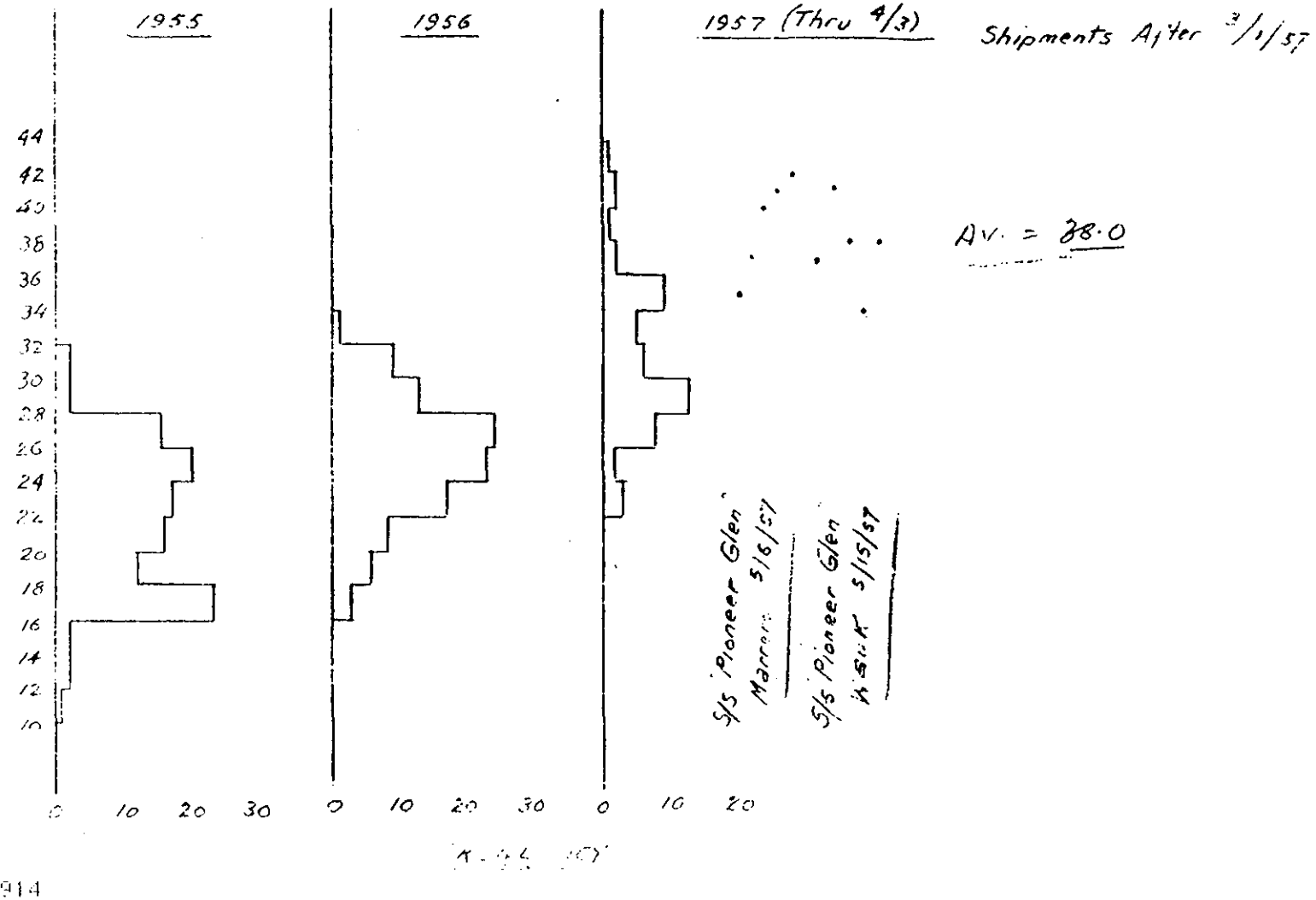

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