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FROM (NAME & LOCATION): St. Louis - General Offices

DATE: February 22,1968 CC:

SUBJECT: CER 1430-1452 - Anniston Warehouse Project

REFERENCE: Your February 19 Memo

TO : R. L. Miller

Henry Fielding of CED called me on the matter of reduced clearance between the Southern Railway track and the proposed warehouse. Subsequently, I reviewed the layout plan with Henry and suggested that an attempt be made to increase the clearance by two feet to conform with the 8'6" clearance requirement which the majority of railroads require, rather than attempt to conform to the 10' Southern Railway requirement. The latter would necessitate the provision of dock boards 24" longer than normally used. This will increase the hazard to our employes by extending the unprotected area from the standpoint of falls from the dock board by 2' and would require the handling of heavier dock boards. Looking at the plan there seemed to be no logical reason why we could not increase the clearance by 2'. Henry is going to check this further with the project manager.

The project proposes that the clearance from the centerline to the warehouse be 6'6" which means that the clearance between the side of a boxcar and the warehouse would be 1'2" as compared to 3'2" if we followed the 8'6" standard required by most railroads.

There is a spur track agreement with the Louisville and Nashville Railway which contains the usual hold harmless agreement but no place on record can be found a similar agreement with Southern Railway. The L & N agreement is dated 1935. Where required clearance restrictions are not complied with, it is necessary that warning signs be posted to call this to the attention of the train crews.

Our comprehensive general liability policy will cover any injuries to railway employes, of course. We can reduce the possibility of injury, however, by increasing the clearance.

George L. Gorbell

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GLG:nlc P.S. - Checked with Walpole on spur track agreement signing responsibility and he will contact Hicken at Distribution if it becomes necessary to have an agreement signed.

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