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To: SHIPYARD DELEGATES AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Subject: Labeling of Containers

We have received a suggestion from a Member of the Council that is somewhat different than the approach now being taken by the Council's Safety Committee on the labeling of containers for paints and other coating materials used in the shipyards. This matter has been under review for some time by the Safety Committee and as background information there are enclosed excerpts from Minutes of a Committee meeting on June 20, 1967 at which this problem was discussed. Related correspondence which covers the status of the subject at the moment and a reprint of the BLS proposal on Safety and Health Regulations published in the FEDERAL REGISTER of May 30, 1967 is also attached.

The following is quoted from the memorandum which explains the suggestion:

> "It appears to me that we have a major communications area here of securing information from manufacturers, having same analyzed by plant personnel, and then distributing this information to each worker on the job.
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> "This to me seems like an impossible task to handle adequately. I strongly recommend that your committee review the possibility of having all information required as to limitations, precautions, and required safety equipment to be used plainly put on every can of marine paint. This is done on household products, and I see no reason why we should duck the issue on marine finishes.
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> "I believe that if the Shipbuilders as a group took the stand that they would not use products in this area which were not completely and properly labeled on each can that we would be able to accomplish our safety program."

We would appreciate receiving your view on this suggestion.

Edwin M. Hood
President