

JOHN T. LEWIS & BROS. CO.
910 Widener Bldg.
Philadelphia, Pa.

October 23, 1945

Mr. T. A. Flynn
Butler-Flynn Paint Company
607-609 C. Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Flynn -

We are glad to learn from your letter of the
19th that you have shown the Federal investigators every possible
courtesy.

Thank you for letting us know that their investiga-
tion has included questioning your own practice and your opinions
thereof.

Yours very truly,

/s/ J.W.G.
President

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CC; Mr. H. Rowe.

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Maurice F. Flynn
Thomas A. Flynn

BUTLER-FLYNN PAINT COMPANY
Distributors
Paints----Glass
607-609 C. St., N.W.
Washington, D. C.

October 19, 1945

John T. Lewis & Bros. Co.
Widener Bldg.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Attention - Mr. Gardner

Gentlemen:

Today I was interrogated for a period of two hours by an investigator from the Federal Trade Commission concerning our relations and pertaining to our set-up as distributors of your company's products. They seem to be interested particularly in:

- (1) Whether or not I would have any advantage over any of our competitors through any special concession in price.
- (2) Whether or not the neighborhood hardware stores suffer any because as distributors we receive a lower price than they do.
- (3) Whether or not we are handicapped through your sales of lead to paint manufacturers when bought in large quantities.

The investigator had a list of about 20 questions which were prepared for him to ask.

Frankly I don't see how under the Robinson-Patman Act they can suppose to build up a case against the price set-up but he insisted upon seeing and making photostatic copies of invoices for white lead for five years.

I am passing this information on to you so you can have some idea of what is taking place.

Yours very truly,

/s/ T. A. FLYNN
BUTLER-FLYNN PAINT CO.

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