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**Harrero Factory
May 30, 1957**

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**Australian Blue Fibres
Colonial Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.
Your Wire of May 29, 1957**

As mention by G. H. Frantz in his letter of May 23rd. to J. F. Stenton, the last shipment of Australian fibre received on the S/S Pioneer Glen was of an inferior quality because of the higher than average dust content and contamination.

A comparison of our Quality Control reports P 57-46 covering the McKett test results on this shipment of fibre and P 57-5 showing the results on the previous shipment received in January indicate the wide variations of fibre and fine materials in the two shipments. In our wire of May 9th. to F. T. Petersen we notified him of the failure of this recent shipment of Australian fibre to comply with our acceptance limits, however, our Production Superintendent asked that he be allowed to use this fibre since we were experiencing excessive hydrostatic failures on pressure pipe when using the S Blue fibre. We did not know the reason for our hydrostatic problems but it was hoped that the addition of the Australian fibre would help in eliminating some of the hydrostatic failures.

In addition to the lower fibre content of this shipment, contamination of the material was also found when using the fibre. The bags from this shipment had the ends fastened with metal staples (samples enclosed) with numerous staples being mixed in the bags with the fibre.

We also found two bags in this shipment that contained sawdust and wood instead of fibre. This foreign material was not found to any great extent throughout the shipment and there is a possibility that it may not be mixed with any of the fibre. Since the bags containing the 100% sawdust were fastened and packed in the same type of bags as the other bags in the shipment, we can only assume that this material was included in the shipment from the vendor's mill. Sample of this foreign material is enclosed for your examination.

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The use of the staples to fasten the bags will always present a problem to prevent them from getting mixed with the fibre. Although there is not any excuse for allowing a box of the staples to get mixed in the fibre, this type of fastener can easily get mixed with the fibre either in closing or opening the bag. Personally, we do not think this type of fastener should be used because of the potential problem of preventing them from getting mixed with the fibre.

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1. The first of these is the fact that the Commission has not yet received any information from the Government of the United States regarding the results of its investigation of the activities of the American Friends Service Committee in the Philippines. The Commission is therefore unable to determine whether the activities of the AFSC in the Philippines are consistent with the principles of the AFSC's charter.