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SUBJECT: LIA ESTIMATE OF U.S. LEAD
CONSUMPTION - 1973

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE LEAD INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION, INC.:

Because several members had asked for year-end estimates on lead consumption for various products, I worked up the enclosed table based on the Bureau of Mines figures.

This is our estimate of the final figures generally published by the Bureau of Mines in May of each year. I thought you might like to have a copy.

Sincerely,

Jerome F. Smith

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Secretary & General Manager

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Enclosure

UNITED STATES CONSUMPTION OF LEAD*
(in short tons)

PRODUCTS	1971 Final	1972 Final	Est** 1973 Final	Percent Change From 1972
Ammunition	87,567	84,699	81,000	- 4.0
Bearing Metals	16,285	15,915	16,200	+ 1.8
Brass & Bronze	20,044	19,805	21,500	+ 8.6
Cable Covering	52,920	45,930	42,000	- 8.6
Calking Lead	29,993	22,483	18,000	-20.0
Casting Metals	7,281	7,139	7,200	-0-
Collapseible Tubes	10,041	4,020	2,300	-43.0
Foil	4,417	4,592	4,500	- 2.0
Pipes, Traps and Bends	18,174	17,780	21,000	+18.0
Sheet Lead	27,607	23,667	20,500	-13.0
Solder	70,013	71,289	68,000	- 4.6
Storage Battery Grids, Posts, etc.	322,236	347,225	363,000	+ 4.5
Storage Battery Oxides	357,567	379,367	387,000	+ 2.0
Battery Total	679,803	726,592	750,000	+ 3.2
Terne Metal	1,409	4,500	5,000	+11.0
Type Metal	20,812	19,944	20,000	-0-
White Lead	4,731	2,814	1,700	-40.0
Red Lead and Litharge	61,838	69,799	75,000	+ 7.5
Pigment Colors	13,916	16,264	15,600	- 4.0
Other	773	337	400	+18.7
Gasoline Antiknock Additives	264,240	278,340	280,000	+ 0.5
Miscellaneous Chemicals	401	849	500	-
Annealing	4,068	4,329	4,000	- 7.5
Galvanizing	1,395	1,397	1,400	-0-
Lead Plating	582	638	800	+25.4
Weights and Ballast	17,453	21,302	19,000	-10.8
Other Uses Unclassified	15,751	24,826	25,000	-0-
GRAND TOTAL	1,431,514	1,485,254	1,500,600	+ 1.0

* Source - U.S. Bureau of Mines

** Estimated by LIA