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With reference to the last paragraph of the attached letter from Mr. Bateman, I would suggest the following comment:-

"It is interesting to note the Newalls' experience that they feel that the tide is turning back. Although T.B.A. is not receiving quite as many comments about the use of asbestos, we do not feel that we are out of the wood by any means. At the present time, we are in real difficulty with Devonport Dockyard who use large quantities of asbestos cloth as certain of the engineers there have put a ban, temporary we hope, on the usage of asbestos. Admiralty officials are visiting us next week in an endeavour to resolve this matter which could be quite serious for T.B.A. We have not heard of any alteration by I.C.I. to their instruction issued some time ago that alternative materials to asbestos were to be considered wherever possible."

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