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ASBESTOS TEXTILES INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

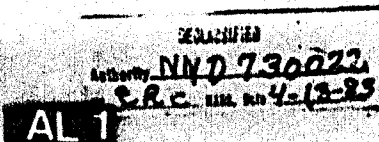
Thursday, August 6, 1942 - 9:30 a.m.

Room 2105-A, Social Security Building

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Government Presiding Officer

Mr. George Muth, Senior Industrial Advisor
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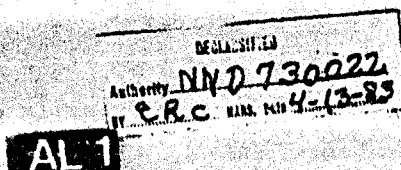
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Memorandum

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FROM: V. E. Dunkman WPR

SUBJECT: Asbestos Textiles Industry Advisory Committee Meeting,
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The attached agenda indicates the general nature of the meeting. Following are the important points brought out in the discussion:

Mr. Gardiner reviewed some of the changes brought about in the last two months. These are interesting as indicating the nature of the problems faced by the industry.

1. In order to facilitate the production of gloves for the Army the weave was changed from herring bone to plain. The cloth was changed from two ply 14 out to two ply 10 out.
2. Linings on gun cases and covers have been eliminated.
3. Some changes have been made in Navy procurement methods.
4. Navy specification 28-0-11 has been revised to permit the manufacture of types A and C gloves from underwriters grade cloth rather than 90%.
5. The Branch is still attempting to assist the industry to obtain copper wire for manhole gaskets.
6. Order M-123 has been amended to include friction materials with packings in the products not requiring priority ratings.
7. Manufacturers have co-operated to change the type of cloth in some uses from 90% to underwriters.

It is pointed out that the requirements for Navy cables will probably tax the capacity of the industry. Requirements are apparently uncertain. One manufacturer reported that they have been unable to meet all requirements. This company and the cable manufacturers have expanded their plant. It was suggested that an attempt to obtain estimates of requirements from the cable manufacturers be made by Mr. Gardiner. Fibre glass was mentioned as a substitute

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although the industry is not certain that this substitution is necessary at the present time.

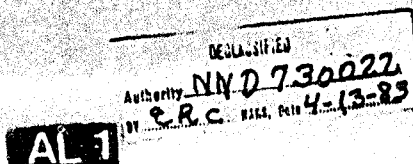
The discussion of the possibility of lowering grades of asbestos textiles for certain specific uses was not very fruitful. Two suggestions were offered (1) to reduce the grade of cloth used in reving for cables from 90% to underwriters; (2) to change asbestos covering on cargo ships.

In the discussion of fibre requirements for 1943 Mr. Gardner stated that steps have been taken through the British Ministry of Supply to increase the imports of G & G 1 and 2. There is to be a conference with the Canadian Government on August 17 to discuss the outlook for imports from Canada during 1943. Mr. Gardner stated that the Metals Reserve Company is purchasing Russian asbestos. The feeling of the industry seems to be that this is not very high grade asbestos.

Opinion seems to be divided on the question of the advisability of eliminating or curtailing the manufacture of woven asbestos oil burner wicking. One company has discontinued the production of this type of wicking. Other representatives felt that the amount of asbestos saved would not be very much.

One manufacturer has discontinued the production of woven asbestos brake linings and clutch facings for passenger cars. Another has been trying to shift industrial uses from woven to molded brake linings wherever possible. At this point Mr. Peter Rector of the Chemicals Branch was called in to discuss the availability of chemicals used in the molded compounds. There might be some difficulty in securing sufficient quantities for passenger car use.

Following the meeting the question of inventories of industrial packings and gaskets and compressed sheet packing was discussed with Mr. Mahan of the Johns-Manville Company, Mr. Abbott of the Carlock Packing Company and Mr. Fabel of the Thermooid Company. They all stated emphatically that inventories of those items have not increased and in some cases they were behind on their orders. This raises a question of the accuracy of the figures reported on FD-352, which show production in excess of shipments by 23 and 27 percent for the first five months of 1942.



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