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Dr. C.-E. A. Winslow
Vice-President, N.S.C.
New Haven, Conn.

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Dear Dr. Winslow:

On my return from the annual meeting of the Cleveland Safety Council this morning I find the enclosed two letters from the American Foundrymen's Association (represented on your committee) as well as the Steel Foundry Society of America, Inc. I will write you again in a few days when we have rounded up the committee responses to the invitation to have the meeting in New York, February 23.

Sincerely yours,



W. H. Cameron
Managing Director

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Steel Founders' Society of America, Inc.

Executive Offices - 932 Graybar Building

New York, N.Y.

February 8, 1932

Mr. W. H. Cameron, Managing Director
National Safety Council
20 N. Wacker Drive
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Cameron:

It has just been brought to our attention that for some time a Joint-Committee of the National Safety Council with the U. S. Department of Public Health and others, has been making an investigation of the hazards of sand blasting, silicosis, etc. and that it is about to make its final report previous to publication and that a meeting has been called for this purpose to be held in New York, Pennsylvania Hotel, February 23rd next.

If consistent, we would like to know the personnel of this Committee and also request that any final action be deferred until those industries affected and all others interested in the subject, have a chance to be heard. We would like, if possible, to have five copies of the report in its present form, for study.

We believe any decent-minded man will welcome well founded suggestions designed to protect workers from dust conditions and that a report of a Committee such as the one referred to, can be constructive and beneficial. We are of the opinion, however, that if it is not most carefully prepared, or made too broad, it will defeat its purpose and place costly restrictions upon industry that it is not in a position to meet.

Silicosis is recognized throughout our industry as a serious matter. Yet in the past year some manufacturers have had claims made upon them of a nature that looks as if it might develop into a racket, with shyster lawyers canvassing employees to obtain cases with all its attendant undesirable phases.

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It is not improbable that some unscrupulous politicians may take advantage of these situations to advance their own special interests.

These and other considerations cause us to make the above requests, with which we trust you and your Committee will concur.

Very truly yours,

Granville P. Rogers
Managing Director

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American Foundrymen's Association

Executive Offices - 222 W. Adams St.

Chicago

February 9, 1934

Mr. W. H. Cameron, Managing Director
National Safety Council
20 N. Wacker Drive
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Cameron:

Learning that a meeting of the Sand Blast Research Committee had been called for Tuesday, February 23rd, I called our representative, Mr. E. A. Olson of the Ohio Brass Co., on the long distance phone and was advised that he had not seen a notice of the meeting and furthermore that it would be impossible for him to attend, as he was leaving for a two months trip.

From many sources we have learned that the members of our Association are vitally interested in the tentative report which the committee has prepared and therefore we feel it very important that our representative be able to attend, and I am prompted to make two suggestions; first, that if it is found feasible the date of the meeting be postponed, and second, that the American Foundrymen's Association be permitted to appoint one or two more representatives, with a view to safeguarding representation when a meeting is held.

We feel that this larger representation is justified for the reason that there is a preponderance of representation on the committee of men not actively engaged in the foundry industry, an industry that would be affected perhaps more than any other by the committee's findings and recommendations.

At a meeting of the Foundry Equipment Manufacturers Association which I attended in Cleveland last Friday the question of the report was discussed by those present, including Thomas W. Pangborn of the Pangborn Corp., W. L. Minich of the American Foundry Equipment Co., and S. C. Vesny of the W. W. Sly Mfg. Co. It was voted at that time to request official representation of the F.E.M.A. on the committee and Mr. H. S. Simpson, President, was to attend the meeting as the official representative if the request was granted. You no doubt will receive official notice of this action from Mr. D. L. Gray of Cleveland, Secretary of the F.E.M.A.

I am not sure that your records show it, but I understand that Mr. A. W. McClintock, Commissioner of the National Foundry Association, has been designated by that organization to take the place of Mr. Wright, deceased.

Would it be asking too much to have instructions given that notice of meetings of this committee be sent to this office, that being advised we may check with our representative, or representatives as the case may be, to



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Mr. W. H. Cameron

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make certain that they have received notice and will attend? I would like also to have a copy of the report of the committee for our files if you can consistently let us have one.

Very truly yours,

C. E. Hoyt,
Executive Secretary

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L. W. Olson
H. S. Simpson
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American Foundrymen's Association

Executive Offices - 222 W. Adams St.

Chicago

February 10, 1932

Mr. W. H. Cameron
Managing Director
National Safety Council
20 North Wacker Drive
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Cameron:

Supplementing my communication of yesterday on the subject of Sand Blast Research Committee activities, I am enclosing copy of letter received this morning from our representative Mr. L. W. Olson, to which is attached copy of his letter to Dr. Leonard Greenburg, both under date of February 9th.

You will note that Mr. Olson does not point out, as you requested should be done, specific objections to the report, but he does say that the report from a practical standpoint seems to demand more than should be necessary.

Mr. Olson states his reasons for objecting to the recommendations implying that metallic abrasives should be used to the exclusion, if possible, of silica and in his closing paragraph says: "I think sufficient time should be given to permit more people contacting with the practical side of this problem to give their views and experiences". All of this, and particularly the last, would seem further justification for our suggestion that the meeting called for February 23rd be postponed.

Very truly yours

Ed. Hoyt

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