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To: R. M. Burns

Re: Paper Mill in Chicago Plant

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must be fitted to available space, making design compromises necessary which would run up the cost; and third, we would have to comply with Chicago city codes which would impose some conditions we might not have to face in another area.

It would be possible to get this equipment into Plant 1. One advantage would be a one-floor operation with the attendant economies in material handling. It would, however, use up about 40,000 sq. ft. of prime first floor space. Most of this space is now occupied by Department 214 and by metal storage, all of which must be on a ground floor and most of which should be together for efficient operation. There is just not this kind of first floor space available in these plants to relocate these operations into.

Plant 5 might be a possibility. It is long enough to take the machine and use of the basement, first, and second floors for this operation might be practical if we could make the necessary structural changes in the building and if we needed the three top floors for something else. It would probably not be economical otherwise, since the sale price of the building could make up a substantial part of the cost of a building specifically to house the wet machine.

If it is desirable or necessary to put the paper mill with an existing Victor operation, my feeling is that the best move for the long run would be to put it into an addition to the Robinson plant. Robinson uses some quantity of the materials made on the paper machine now. If we are able to make Victolex papers and if the projected growth in soft packings goes as planned,