

METALS RESERVE COMPANY

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
December 1, 1943

Mr. David C. Sharpstone
Acting Chief
Industrial Minerals Division
Foreign Economic Administration
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Sharpstone:

In connection with the contracts which have been made between Metals Reserve Company and the producers of asbestos in the Union of South Africa and Southern Rhodesia, we should like to draw your attention to the contract provisions calling for completion of shipments by December 31, 1943.

As you are aware, some of the material acquired under these contracts is not of any particular strategic value to the war effort and is accumulating in stockpile. We refer particularly to grades C&Q3 and C&Q4 under contract P-1672 with Raw Asbestos Distributors, Ltd.

Our records indicate that the sellers have shipped 16,776 tons of C&Q3 and 5,830 tons of C&Q4. The contract tonnages for the full year are 18,746 tons and 6,404 tons.

Based on our experience in distributing this material, it would be our judgment that we should not accept quantities in excess of the amounts stipulated in the contract. You may consider it advisable to call this particularly to the attention of the sellers.

Sincerely yours,

S. D. Stromes
Assistant Vice President

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cc Mr. Smith - WPB
Mr. M. E. Miller
Mr. Levinson
Mr. Pettersen

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