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PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

BIR-388

May 12, 1986

Mr Edker Barnes
Maintenance Supervisor
LaGrange Board of Education
P O Box 1466
LaGrange GA 30241

RE: BIRD GUARANTEE BOND 20-K-P-B/U 5221
NORTHWEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Mr. Barnes:

This is to inform you of an inspection that was made during the third week of April by our professional roofing consultant, Mr. Marsh.

We understand from his report dated April 21, 1986 that there are splits in the roofing membrane as the roof boards expand and contract. The majority of the splits occurred "in an area once used as a kitchen for the school. This area is being converted to space. Excessive moisture from the kitchen rising to the roof could have generated movement in the roof boards causing the splits." He also noted a few splits in other areas of the roof, too.

We note from a review of the file the built-up roof was completed on May 11, 1973. Before the built-up bond was issued, Mr. A K Powers' letter of February 12, 1973 stated the following restriction:

"If the LaGrange Board of Education insists on a built-up bond for this particular job, we will have a clause inserted in the bond stating that this bond will be cancelled if any leaks in the roof are caused wholly or in part as a result of the sagging deck and the movement of the deck causing nails to back out penetrating the membrane."

We believe the owner is responsible for repairing the roof on the Northwest Primary school.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Clifford J Patenaude".

Clifford J Patenaude
Division Chemist

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