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Re: Transite Cable Penetration Closures

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At a conference held on March 22, 1974 in New York City with representatives from AT&T, BTL, CIE and WECO Medical Director, it was decided that the Bell System approach is to eliminate, wherever possible and practical, the fabrication of transite material under uncontrolled environment within Central Offices. This general policy means the elimination of transite material used in Central Offices as cable penetration closures on floors and walls.

Attached is a letter from BTL giving permission to substitute steel for transite on an interim basis. Since we want to eliminate any possible health hazards to our installers, we are requesting that you take immediate action to substitute steel for transite on all affected piece part drawings. The type of steel used for floor covers should be of similar thickness as the present ceiling covers.

We are recommending that the wall covers be made out of 1/16" thick steel. This matter was discussed with Mr. J. Simpson, BTL on April 8, 1974 and it was stated that the testing of wall closures should be completed by the 1st quarter of 1975.

Att.

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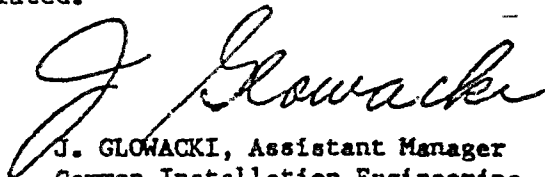
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Furthermore, we feel that elimination of transite cable hole covers from the Bell System, would be one significant step toward improving the Installers' working environment.

Your prompt cooperation in expediting the resolution of this problem is greatly appreciated.



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