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I found the attached in some papers
Mr. Waddell gave me last week; I am not sure why
he has not circulated it previously but I thought
you would be interested to see it. I am sure
Mr. Pearce will be most interested to see the
comment in the last paragraph about Sir Samuel's
dictum "No dry processing of Amosite".


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S.A. Blue - Former Production at Rochdale

Between the wars, there was a section, situated at the North end of 'E' Block which produced blue yarn, single, doubled and "metallic".

There were about 8 double cards capable, on single shift, of producing about 15,000 lbs. of sliver weekly. Also spinning and doubling frames to deal with this.

Those yarns were chiefly for Quasi-arc and their use was for covering the metal core of welding rods. The yarns were sent out on cardboard tubes, non-returnable and this eliminated cheese winding.

The section was isolated (its own dust collection etc.) in order to avoid the contamination of white by blue in the waste treatment etc. A small amount of contamination white into blue didn't matter but blue into white was not permissible for electrical reasons.

This electrode trade was a profitable one and persisted for many years. During periods of low demand we built up large stocks of yarn in cases and thus kept production at uniform level.

Blue fibre rope at Rochdale you know about.

Blue cloth was woven at Rochdale for various purposes. Mostly for insulation. Blue cloth was never proofed for packings because blue is far too abrasive to be in contact with moving parts. For the same reason it was not used for plaited packings.

In the early days, before we took over Roberts, we processed blue filter fibre for Newall's, Washington. There was a considerable trade in this. The mass of fibre was not all blue, there was some white with it.

I am not quite sure whether we at Rochdale made all the cloth for mattress making at Armley. Certainly the yarn was spun at Armley but for the life of me I cannot recall cloth looms there. I could check on this if it is important for you to know.

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Perhaps the one important point you wished to establish has been provided in those notes, i.e. that there was substantial opening, carding and spinning of blue fibre at Rochdale between the wars and that there was a section set apart for this processing. There were many comings and goings between ourselves and J.W.R., Leeds (transfers of cards, spinning frames, etc.). If you wish to have details of these I shall need to do some "digging".

Perhaps a special medical note re Amosite may be of interest. In spite of the virtues of Amosite as an insulator I steadfastly refused to process it at Rochdale. I was convinced that it was lothal when released to the atmosphere. (There were many reasons for this and I will enumerate them if you wish - John Knox know my views). Sir Samuel and I had a battle royal and to his great credit he eventually issued an edict "no dry processing of Amosite".

W. J. Ellison (signed)