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Director of the
Bureau of Standards,
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Correspondence with William Martien
& Company.

Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 7, 1923, transmitting letter of William Martien & Company, Baltimore, Md., requesting information regarding the composition of paint used for the exterior of the White House, and in accordance with your request there is transmitted herewith a copy of the reply of this office thereto.

Very truly yours,

C. G. Sherman
Lieut. Col., Corps of Engineers.

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May 9, 1923.

William Martien & Co.,
206 Candler Building,
Baltimore, Md.

Subject: Paint for plastered surface of White House.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of May 3, 1923, addressed to the Bureau of Standards has been referred to this office, and in reply I have to inform you that the paint which is used for the exterior of the White House is composed of white lead, French zinc and linseed oil in the following proportions: white lead, 70%; white French zinc, 30%; with linseed oil used as a thinner.

Very truly yours,

G. O. Sherrill,
Lieut. Col., Corps of Engineers.

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