Asbestos, Que.
August 14th 1945.

Mr. W. B. Riley.
General Headquarters.

Jute Bags (Foreign Fibre Containers)

Further to ours of even 22nd and yours of April 9th in this connection. I append hereto report by Mr. Riley which shows the situation from a labour and health angle is still bad.

It was thought by the local medical staff that the situation which developed last winter was a combination of circumstances - climatic conditions plus a peculiar fibrous dust. It was recommended, therefore, that we let these bags accumulate and tackle them again under different weather and atmospheric conditions. This was done during the past week and the situation showed little improvement. A number of our operators and the situation showed little improvement. A number of our operators appear to be allergic to this particular dust which develops a condition comparable to hay fever.

Our local company doctor has, therefore, recommended that we avoid handling these bags if at all possible.

In connection being as stated it is, therefore, recommended that the factories be advised that it is now no longer necessary to return additional lots of these foreign bags. This of course, refers to bags being sent to the mines for the first time and not to those already in circulation.

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