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Department of Labor and Industry
Division of Labor
Trenton 8, N.J.

Order No. 4823
File No. 1067-P-1

Gentlemen:

We acknowledge reciept of the above order calling for relocation of safety stopping device on press #4824 in Dept. 53.
We should like to offer a suggestion in connection with the relocation of a safety stopping device on this multi-opening press. The Quick-as-a-Wink valves now on the press, and actuated bt a handle at head height on each side of the press, serve a double purpose. The press can be run on automatic or hand controls. The Quick-as-a-Wink valves act under both these conditions. They shut off the supply of air, and they dump the air from the bellows of the Sinclair-Collins air operated valve, which promptly lowers the press and prevents it from raising again until the valve has been reset. Also, when operating the press on hand controls, this Quick-as-a-Wink valve is used to operate the press.
We propose to attach a cable, to extend across both open sides of the press, to the handles operating the Quick-as-a-Wink valves, so that it would be readily available to the operator, and could be struck by a hand, or his chin in the event he wished to reverse the motion of the rising press.
There is a great deal of spillage of soap and water solution at both sides of the press, which we feel would hinder a foot actuated safety device. Also, there is a teble at one side of the press, for catching the work as it is pushed from the platens.
At the time the employee was injured he was warming flat pans in the press, and was working on the side of the press where the table is located. The table can be moved away from the press, which further complicates the installation of a foot actuated safety.

We feel that the suggested safety trip cables, located several inches in front of the press, offer an entirely satisfactory safety at this operation. Will you please advise us whether this will be satisfactory.

cc: Mr. S. Kazimir

Very truly yours,

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Safety Engineer

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