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EXHIBIT "B"

MELLON NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST COMPANY

Pittsburgh 30, Pennsylvania

December 11, 1953

Frederick G. Blackburn
Vice President

Mr. Carl I. Collins, President
Superior Steel Corporation
Grant Building
Pittsburgh 19, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Collins:

Referring to conversations between Mr. Raymond and myself and you, Mr. Boardman, and Mr. Fierst yesterday and the day before, we shall be pleased to extend to your company a loan in the amount of \$2,000,000 in connection with your proposed contract with the Atomic Energy Commission on the following conditions:

The loan would be for a term of five years following a commitment period of six months. Repayments would be made either quarterly or semi-annually. If the transaction is consummated by January 31, 1954, the commitment fee for the standby period would be 1/4 of 1% and the interest rate on the loan 3-3/4% per annum. The loan would be subject to your previously having received a contract from the Atomic Energy Commission in form and substance satisfactory to our counsel that would permit actual rated amortization of the facilities required for execution of the contract to the extent of 100% of the cost thereof extending over a period of sixty months from the date of the contract. The contract should provide that sufficient tonnage of material will be purchased at a price sufficient to provide your company with amortization sufficient to pay off the loan in full in the five-year period and thus also fully amortize your investment in that time. The contract should further provide that, if it should be cancelled for any reason, the Government would reimburse your company for the unamortized balance of the loan and/or the investment. Sufficient protection should be required by you in the contract that material under the contract cannot be rejected unless your company is guilty of gross negligence or willful inability to complete the contract. Payments should be made by the Atomic Energy Commission at sufficiently frequent intervals to take care of the financial requirements of the loan currently. We understand that you will have consent by the holders of your company's bonds and preferred stock.

This commitment from us is effective until January 31, 1954.

Sincerely yours,

MELLON NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST COMPANY

/s/ Frederick G. Blackburn
Vice President

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