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TO : Files
THRU: R. L. Kirk, Director, Production Division

DATE: January 26, 1954

FROM : R. G. Delagi, Metallurgical Development Branch, Production Division

SUBJECT: SLAB SHIPMENTS

SYMBOL: PM:RGD

On January 15, the writer requested shipment of slabs from Fernald to American Machine & Foundry and Superior Steel Corporation. Request was made by teletype. An additional quantity of slabs for AM&F was also requested by teletype on January 19. The Fernald office stated on the 19th by phone that the slabs would be boxed and shipped immediately.

On January 26, the writer checked with Fernald to find out why the slabs had not yet arrived at American Machine & Foundry or Superior Steel, and was informed that they had not yet been shipped. This delay in shipment will cause the Superior rolling to be delayed by a corresponding amount of time.

On a visit to NYOO on January 22, Russ Stanford told me that the slabs fabricated by Fernald for the PWR job exhibited transverse cracking at the ends. He questioned whether or not such slabs could be rolled at Superior without breaking up due to further crack propagation in the mill. On Monday, January 25, the writer was unable to check at Fernald to determine whether or not a careful inspection was made of the slabs as requested by New York when the slabs were ordered. On Tuesday, January 26, Mr. Pahren of FAO told the writer that all the slabs were boxed and ready for shipment and would leave on the 27th for Superior Steel. Mr. Pahren said he did not know whether or not there were cracks present in the slabs and suggested that Mr. Bussert of NLO be contacted on this matter. Mr. Bussert was not in the office on the morning of the 26th and thus no information as to the condition of the slabs could be obtained. The writer is therefore requesting that the entire shipment of PWR slabs be stopped, and the slabs unboxed and inspected, since there is no point in incurring shipping charges on material which would prove defective and unsuitable for further processing.