

ROSE MANUFACTURING COMPANY

September 11, 1939.

Re: Columbia Mills, Inc.

Interview with Charles A. Houston,  
Attorney for Columbia Mills, Inc.

Present at this conference were Inspector  
Raymond Lewis and Mr. Edward J. Fruchtman  
of the Legal Branch.

Mr. Charles A. Houston called at the New York Regional Office this morning to discuss the matter regarding Columbia Mills, Inc., and the Wage and Hour inspection at their plant. Mr. Lewis pointed out that the situation with Columbia Mills, Inc. was similar with the Consolidated Trimming Corporation (another firm which Mr. Houston represents). Mr. Lewis stated that Columbia Mills, Inc. had knowledge that Rose Manufacturing Company was producing goods in violation of the Wage and Hour Law and that Columbia Mills, Inc. had subsequently reshipped these goods in interstate commerce. Mr. Lewis also pointed out that at present there was considerable stock on hand at the various factories of Columbia Mills, Inc., which were "contraband" in that they could not move in interstate commerce having been made in violation of the Wage and Hour Law. Mr. Lewis pointed out that no report had been submitted to Washington as yet and that any conversations with Mr. Houston would merely affect his recommendations as to the ultimate disposition of the case. Mr. Lewis also gave a very brief and sketchy account of the type of evidence that the Wage and Hour Division had concerning knowledge.

Mr. Houston said that he personally was fully convinced that the firm should make restitution for all the goods purchased in violation of the Act. He hoped that this gesture would purge the stock on hand at present. He stated, however, that he could only recommend such action to the firm and that he would call back later in the afternoon and advise us of the firm's decision in this matter.

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RAYMOND LEWIS,  
Inspector.