U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

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TO:

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IN REPLY REFER TO: RL:MS

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Shade Pull Industry

The attached cases represent the second stage in the Shade Pull Industry investigation.

The case of the Novelty Cord & Tassel Co. (#31-858) was previously submitted. This firm had pleaded guilty to a criminal indictment and paid \$4,500. in restitution and \$1,500. in fines.

The Rose Manufacturing Co., after criminal indictment and a 4 day trial, pleaded guilty. It has been ordered to pay \$3,268. to its employees and a fine of \$2,000.

The Columbia Mills Co., Inc., jobbers of the Rose Mfg. Co., signed a Consent Decree and paid \$1,944. in restitution to employees of the Rose Mfg. Co., to free their "hot goods."

Harry Edelman signed two Consent Decrees, one restraining the firm from all future violations of the Wage and Hour law, and the second, restraining the firm from all future violations of the Child Labor provisions of the Act.

Consolidated Trimming Co., jobber of Harry Edelman, signed a Consent Decree and paid \$4,075. in back wages to homeworkers of Harry Edelman to free their "hot goods."

Alvin Cord & Trimming Co., signed a Consent Decree and agreed to pay \$1,200. in back wages, of which \$400. was paid May 12, 1940. Case held up pending information on future restitution.

The Moore Mfg. Co., is being held for further investigation. Firm claims to be producing for "local use only" at present.

It is recommended that these cases be closed as this is a small, financially weak industry, which does not warrant additional inspection time.