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SPECIAL COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING  
THE NATIONAL DEFENSE PROGRAM

January 26, 1944.

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Mr. William F. Schaffer,  
President, Local #42,  
Industrial Union of Marine and  
Shipbuilding Workers of America,  
2701 E. Allegheny Avenue,  
Philadelphia-34, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Schaffer:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 22, 1944, replying to our inquiry of January 8, 1944, concerning the recent work stoppage at the Cramp shipyard.

The Committee appreciates your furnishing this information and notes with special interest your feeling that there will be no more strikes at the Cramp Shipbuilding Company. Unless the theory is accepted that union officials are not truly representative of the membership, it is difficult to see how "unauthorized" "unofficial" strikes can occur. The Committee cannot remain unconcerned about stoppages or other practices, whether caused by management or employees, which impede and delay the production of necessary military and naval equipment.

Very truly yours,

HUGH FULTON, Chief Counsel.

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George Meader, Assistant Counsel