

Senator Kilgore

Summary

MEMORANDUM

October 15, 1943

TO: SENATORS WALLGREN, KILGORE, AND FERGUSON
FROM: MR. FULTON

About a week or so ago, Commander Kennedy stated that the Navy was getting the information from the Army as to the results of tearing down some of the engines produced at Lockland and that as a result of that, the Navy was going to make its own study of the action which it should take. Approximately half of the engines produced during the period were, according to Colonel Knowles, engines which were sent to the Navy. It would be impossible, by reason of numbers, to turn down all of these engines and many of them already have been shipped to points so distant that it would be impracticable. Most of them are now in use. Therefore, the Navy has decided that it will tear down certain engines collected as a sample for the purpose of making further exploration into the nature of the defects and that in addition, it will issue instructions to all of the service stations in the field to be careful with these engines to make sure that they can be safely used and in addition, to make periodic checks, which would not otherwise be made, for the purpose of being relatively sure that nearly all serious defects are caught.

Under the circumstances as he stated them, it would

seen that it would be impracticable for the Navy to do much more than this and if any of you think that more should be done, I would appreciate it if you would get in touch with me so that I could inform Commander Kennedy.