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Plumbing

March 16, 1946.

Mr. Wm. W. Gothard
General Manager
Domestic Engineering Company
1900 Prairie Avenue
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Gothard:

I have your Air Mail letter of March 14th relative to certain questions that have been submitted to the Plumbing and Heating Industry, and suggesting that you would make available to me the results of the analysis in a tabulation of the replies if I would like to have the information.

I assure you that I would be pleased to receive any information along this line which you care to send to me.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Schwabe, M. C.

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Honorable George B. Schwabe
House of Representatives Office Bldg.
Washington, D. C.

AIR MAIL

Dear Sir:

The extent to which the Home Building Program for G.I.'s and others meets the present needs and objectives is dependent upon the extent to which the Plumbing and Heating Industry is permitted to move into full speed production. Manufacturers in this industry are conscious of their responsibility and are doing everything possible to produce and deliver needed products. However, there are conditions over which these manufacturers have no control and which are seriously affecting production. The following questions stand out as most vital:

Can manufacturers of plumbing and heating products supply sufficient quantities to meet the G. I. housing demand?

If production is being hampered, what are the basic causes --- Price Ceilings? --- Manpower? --- Raw Materials?

What do these manufacturers themselves say about the situation?

What do they offer as the solutions to their individual problems so that production can be stimulated and increased?

In a constructive effort to obtain the answers to the foregoing questions, telegrams have been sent to over one hundred seventy of the leading manufacturers in the Plumbing and Heating Industry. Replies ranging from brief telegrams to three and four page letters are reaching us in increasing numbers.

This survey is providing factual, frank and wholly constructive information which can lead to the solution of difficulties now endangering the nation's housing program.

Are you interested in receiving the results of this analysis in a tabulation of the replies? We shall be glad to make this information available to you. Please wire or airmail us regarding your wishes.

Very truly yours,

DOMESTIC ENGINEERING COMPANY

W. W. Gothard

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