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October 25, 1918.

FOR:

Mr. L. M. Howe, Navy Department

SUBJECT: Andrew Mills & Sons, and Midvale Steel Company.

As Miss Allinson is now in New York making an investigation in connection with the rates at the Charleston Navy Yard, we are holding until her return the matter of overtime in the shop of Andrew Mills & Sons and the application of the Midvale Steel Company to employ women at night.

It seems to me desirable that the matter of overtime in the flag-making shop should be taken up with the Naval Overseas Transport Service. Miss Allinson will ask your advice on this point on her return and will follow this procedure if you think it best.

The application of the Midvale Steel Company to employ women at night cannot be acted upon until some action is taken regarding the whole policy in reference to night work.

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Mary Van Kleeck, Director, Woman in Industry Service.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, ASSISTANT SECRETARY'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON. October 14, 1918. Dear Miss VanKleek: This is a fine young thing to pass on me when I am trying to get off for a week's vacation. Incidentally, please let Miss Allison understand that we want from her recommendations as well as polite inquiries as to what has to be done. As Miss Allison is now out roaming the country on our behalf, would you mind letting me know what you think about this. Very sincerely, Smyff Howe Miss Mary Van Kleeck, Director, Women in Industry Service, Department of Labor, Washington, D. C. gitized for FRASER ps://fraser.stlouisfed.org

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

WOMAN IN INDUSTRY SERVICE

WASHINGTON

October 8, 1918.

MEMORANDUM.

For: L. McH Howe, Assistant to the Assistant

Secretary of the Navy,

From: Mary Van Kleeck, Director, Women in Industry Service.

Subject: Andrew Mills & Sons, Flagmakers, 53 South St., New York City.

Request for permission to work women more than nine hours a day.

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WILLIAM S. COFFEY, SECRETARY

re-Andrew Mills & Son

NEW YORK, October 3, 1918

Miss Mary VanKleeck Women in Industry Service Department of Labor Southern Building Washington, D. C.

My dear Miss Van Kleeck:

I sent you on August 15th the result of an investigation made at your suggestion of the factory of Andrew
Mills and Son, relative to an exemption from the night work
law. I have a memorandum from you to Major Rosensohn on
August 31st.

This Bureau followed up our investigation of Andrew Mills and Son on October 2nd, and our conclusions are as follows:

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May we have your recommendations and suggestions as to the procedure of this Bureau on this case as soon as possible?

Very sincerely yours,

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WOMEN IN INDUSTRY SERVICE

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August 6, 1918,

My dear Miss Swartz:

The attached copy of a letter from Andrew Mills & Sons contains a request for permission to employ women longer than nine hours a day in New York City. It has been referred to us by the War Department and we are writing the Company that we are referring it to you for investigation and advice. Is it possible for you to make this inquiry? As it is probable that some adjustment can be made in conformity with the state labor laws I am not troubling the various departments concerned to give us information about the state of the contracts. but if you discover that you need these facts and will let me know, promptly, I shall start the procedure for getting them. Possibly a report from you dealing with the effect of labor conditions of ordered issued at night to be delivered the next day would be useful if drawing to the attention of the contracting departments, if we find that this is the difficulty in this case.

Sincerely yours,

Director, Women in Industry Service.

Miss Nelle Swartz, Director, Bureau of Women in Industry, New York State Department of Labor, New York City. WOMEN IN INDUSTRY SERVICE

August 6, 1918.

My dear Major Rosensohn:

We have received a memorandum from you referring to us the following cases, and we are taking action as indicated.

W. P. WEST & SON, request to work women in New Jersey longer than eight hours a day. As the New Jersey law already permits ten hours it does not seem necessary to take any action on this point. We are writing the firm to ask them why it is not possible for them to plan a sufficiently long working day and still keep within the New Jersey law.

WILLIAM S. HAYNES COMPANY, request for deferred classification of foreman. This request is being returned to you, as it is not a question of the employment of women.

ANDRES MILLS & SONS, request for permission to work women longer than nine hours a day in New York State. We are referring this to Miss Nelle Swartz, Chief of the Bureau of Women in Industry, New York State Department of Labor, for investigation and report.

NATIONAL CONSUMERS' LEAGUE, letter from Miss Agnes de Lima regarding the Trumbull Wasto Manufacturing Company, held for further attention.

Very truly yours,

Director, Women in Industry Service.

Major Samuel J. Resensohn, J. A. G., R. C., detailed to the Office of the Secretary of War. Washington, D. C.

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WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON.

July 22, 1918.

MEMORANDUM for Miss Mary Van Kleeck, Division of Women in Industry, War Labor Policies Board.

- 1. Annexed hereto is a copy of a letter from Andrew Mills & Sons, manufacturers of flags, asking for permission to work their girls in the flag department more than nine hours.
- 2. I presume this refers to girls under twenty-one years of age to whom the nine-hour limitation is applicable.
- 3. Will you be good enough to have an investigation made to determine the necessity for the suspension of the limitation imposed by the state of New York; and, if you are of the opinion that such suspension should be granted, will you please set forth the conditions upon which the suspension is to be granted.
- I understand that under the New York labor laws the New York Industrial Commission is without power to waive the limitations with res pect to child labor and the employment of women. This question, therefore, will involve another one of those cases within the opinion of the Judge Advocate General.

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New York, July 18th, 1918

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Honorable Baker Secretary of War Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir :-

We respectfully request you to give us permission to work our girls in our Flag Dept. overtime. We are doing nothing but Government Work, and we have had a State Factory Inspector in who informed us that we could not work the girls over nine (9) hours per day, and as we are short of help we have to work over-time to get these orders out.

The orders we have are for the U.S. Shipping Board, U.S. Navy, U.S. Army Transport Service, and the Naval Overseas Trans, which issues orders at night to be delivered the net day, so you see it is impossible to get these orders out if we cannot work overtime.

Kindly let us hear from you on this matter at once, as we cannot do anything further until hearing from you, and greatly oblige

Yours respectfully,

ANDREW MILLS & SONS

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Exceptions August 31, 1918. My dear Miss Swartz: Thank you for making the investigation in the plant of Andrew Mills and Sons. I have written to Major Rosenshbn of the office of the Secretary of War regarding your conclusions and our decision, and a copy of my letter is attached. Sincerely yours, Mary Van Kleeck, Enc. Director, Woman in Industry Service. Miss Nella Swartz, Bureau of Woman in I mustry Department of Labor, 230 Fifth Avenue, New York igitized for FRASER tps://fraser.stlouisfed.org

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