

Pittsburgh, October 24, 1962

Memorandum:

Mr. Barriger held meeting in his office this morning to discuss possible affect upon the P.&L.E. of the current international situation brought on by the arming of Cuba by Russia and the President's announcement of a U.S. blockade of shipments of offensive war material to Cuba. The following were present:

J. W. Barriger	P. F. Kraber
H. H. McLean	E. G. Brisbin
H. G. Pike	J. J. Snyder
W. F. Kascal	R. R. Firestone
E. F. Schaefer	

Mr. Barriger said we should be thinking of the possible action we should be taking as result of the current crisis. It is likely various companies will commence building up their inventories, which may tend to make steel scarce. He said we should give consideration to any programs we might have which require steel and possibly get our orders placed if it is felt there may be shortages and allocations.

Mr. Kascal said that we are in good shape insofar as our car fleet is concerned and OK on material for the presently approved programs. The only thing we have to do is repair the gondolas, if we decide on such action. Mr. Barriger said that we will need all our gondolas in event of a serious national emergency and he asked Messrs. Kascal and Schaefer to get together to work up information of just what material would be needed to make these repairs. No orders are to be placed yet, however, but we just want to have an idea of what steel, etc. is required.

Mr. Barriger suggested to Mr. Brisbin that he may want to step up the pace of certain Engineering Department projects as result of the present situation, such as Mon. River Bridge, Banning Mine project, etc. Mr. Brisbin said he would do everything possible to try and get the Cincinnati firm to come up promptly with the detail bridge plans. He said there was nothing much we could do to expedite the Bannine Mine job, as our work must be coordinated with that of Republic and its contractors; however, he would talk with the Republic people about this. Mr. Barriger also suggested that we may want to step up our regular M. of W. work to get the railroad in as good shape as possible, as fast as possible.

