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Oliver H. Ross Piano Company
316 Houston Street
Fort Worth, Texas

Attention: Mr. O. H. Ross
President

Gentlemen:

This is in response to your letter of August 4, 1942 in which you inquire whether it would be possible to allow Hardeman-Peck Company of New York to manufacture a few extra pianos for you, thereby helping you to remain in business.

Supplementary Limitation Order L-37-a prohibits the manufacture or assembly of pianos after July 31, 1942. The need to conserve all critical materials for essential civilian and war needs has made it necessary to restrict all manufacture of musical instruments to those which contain less than 10% of critical materials by weight. Consequently, the manufacture of musical instruments containing more than 10% of critical material is prohibited.

We regret that we cannot be of any assistance to you in this regard. Since the limitation order referred to above does not prohibit repair work on musical instruments you may find this, together with some rental business and the selling of used instruments, sufficient to keep you in business.

Very truly yours,

Jesse French III, Chief
Section D, Musical Instruments
Consumers' Durable Goods Branch