

1964, June 16

Maher and Co.,  
World Trade Center,  
Houston 2, Texas.

Gentlemen:

1 drum ore  
Letitia Lykes

You will recall there was a question about a discrepancy in weight on the above shipment. The shipper, S. Pieters of Windhoek, showed the gross weight as 1370 pounds, but the forwarder, Parry, Leon and Hayhoe of Cape Town, on the shipping papers sent to me, indicated only 964 pounds. I now have a letter from them that they have checked into the matter and now confirm the weight as 1370 pounds.

I wish you would let me know what evidence of the actual weight you get when the shipment finally arrives. I imagine the steamship company will be concerned because its charge is presumably based on weight.

I have never been clear as to just when and how I am to pay the shipper. Originally he asked that I establish a letter of credit at my local bank to be paid out on receipt of shipping documents, but I have heard no further in this respect. Are you authorized to forward the shipment with no further collection? Or must I establish payment in some way to get the bill of lading and the drum of ore?

Also, please advise me what truck line you will send this by. I wish to know so that I can make arrangements with their local receiving office to have this shipment delivered at a local museum rather than to my residence.

Sincerely,