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Newcastle-on-Tyne.

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Dear Mr. Cornish. *Ans'd*
Greenock 19/9/04

Mr. Laws has just come down from Newburn & reports that a number of the test pieces which we had arranged for from the 1" plate and also a portion of the plate about 5 feet long are missing.

Mr. Davis' explanation is that respecting the missing test

pieces is that the knife of the shears ran in when cutting the strip off & cut it too narrow for test pieces at this point. His explanation with regard to the missing part of the plate is that the man at the shears thought the rest of the plate was the scrap & he has cut this part off & sent it away in the scrap wagon before it was detected. This may be all right but it does not seem straight to me.

I enclose a sketch showing the test piece & part of the plate which is missing from which



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you will see that it is about
the middle of the plate, from
which part it was desired to
have test-pieces to gauge
whether the plate was uniform,
and whether there was any
segregation in the centre of
the ingot.

We have still the left hand
half of the plate from which
we can cut test-pieces from
edge nearest the centre line
have the top and bottom
part of right hand half.

I shall be glad to know
if under the circumstances
you wish us to take further

test-pieces from the remainder
of this plate or whether we should
ask them to roll another 1"
plate and personally see all
samples required cut off from
it.

Yours Faithfully

E. B. Chambers



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