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Mr. Irving Abramson Sub-Regional Director 128 Broadway Paterson, N. J.

Dear Brother Abramson:

In connection with your inquiry concerning wages in the organized art needle work industry, I wish to indicate that they are as follows:

> \$15.00 minimum wages which covers floor girls. Pressers and Assistant Shipping Clerks \$15.00 19.00 Spreaders Chief Shipping Clerk 24.00 Head Cutter 27.50 Assistant Cutter 26.00 Plain sewers .40 per hour Zigzag operators, binders shirrers and hemstitchers shall be paid on piece work basis but in no case less than 45¢ an hour. Tinters and stampers 85¢ an hour.

The agreement also provides for one week's vacation with pay, closed shop and pay for holidays.

I am enclosing a copy of the agreement between Gomory, Inc. and ourselves as requested by you over the telephone.

Fraternally yours,

Solomon Barkin

Director of Research

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