ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS OF MISSISSIPPI, Jackson, Miss., February 15, 1968.

J. M. SPROUSE. Associated General Contractors, Washington, D.C.

Re your telegram only two contractors our area out of business within past 2 years—one voluntarily, 1 involuntarily.

KIRK JEFFREYS.

ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS OF AMERICA, SANTA FE, N. MEX., February 14, 1968.

J. M. SPROUSE, Associated General Contractors, Washington, D.C.

Best knowledge two contractors this area went out of business within past year. President Armstrong could best provide information for previous years.

ROBERT RAGSDALE.

ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS OF MISSOURI, Jefferson City, Mo., February 14, 1968.

J. M. SPROUSE, Associated General Contractors of America, Washington, D.C.

To the best of our knowledge, re highway heavy contractors our area, approximately three went out of business involuntarily and an equal number voluntarily.

JAMES W. KELLY.

Associated General Contractors of America, NEW YORK STATE CHAPTER, INC., Albany, N.Y., February 16, 1968.

Mr. JAMES M. SPROUSE, Associated General Contractors of America, Inc., Washington, D.C.

Replying to your telegram dated February 13.

To the best of our knowledge six contractors from this area have voluntarily "gone out of business" and one involuntarily.

Looking forward to seeing you again at our convention in Dallas next month. THOMAS C. KUEBLER.

> THE ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS OF AMERICA, INC., CABOLINAS BRANCH, Charlotte, N.C., February 14, 1968.

Mr. James M. Sprouse, Assistant Executive Director, Contract Services, Associated General Contractors of America, Inc., Washington, D.C.

DEAR JIM: In response to your telegraphic inquiry today, this is to advise that our records indicate a total of 18 buildings, highway, and heavy contractors in our area have gone out of business during the past 2 years; nine voluntarily and nine involuntarily. Of the nine voluntarily going out of buisness, six of these were due to death of the principal.

This survey is based on about 500 contractors who do approximately 90 percent

of the industrial work in the Carolinas.

Very truly yours, HENBY J. PIERCE, Managing Director.