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SUBMITTED to Government with reference to the order quoted.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

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