

CONTROL CONTROL

If you are not coming to work you must call
Absence Control,
if you are bringing any kind of guest through the gates
into the plant
you must first consult
Security Control,
if you need a new i.d. badge you must go to
Badge Control,
if you need a parking sticker you must go to
Parking Control,
when you receive a new job it is off a rack stocked
by Production Control and when you are done machining
the job it must be inspected at
Quality Control.

At Goodstone Aircraft Company control
is out of control.

GOOD WORKMANSHIP

I called the supervisor
over to my workbench to tell him
with head hung down that I had scrapped out
2 aluminum parts and so now
there were 6 bad aluminum parts out of a total of 13
aluminum parts on the manufacturing order,
wincing inside
as I expected rage and distress
and reprimand.

But the supervisor
just smiled a very weird kind of smile and told me
to quickly
take all those parts down to the saw and cut them up
into little pieces and bury them in different corners
of the 4 different bins
full of odd pieces and chunks of aluminum,
while he had the manufacturing order
downgraded to just 7 parts.

Now I could understand
our department's phenomenally low scrap rate
a little better.