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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR
WASHINGTON

December 5, 1939

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Dear Pa:

Enclosed is Report No. 10
on the subject of "Foreign Inquiries
for Production of Munitions" for the
President's information.

Sincerely yours,

Louis Johnson

General E. M. Watson
Secretary to the President
The White House

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Report No. 10

Date- 7-29-70 JWD

December 5, 1939. Signature-

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Assistant Secretary of War.

SUBJECT: Foreign Inquiries for Production of Munitions.

1. In accordance with instructions to submit from time to time a brief report on foreign inquiries for military equipment, the following notes are made:

IRISH FREE STATE

Sometime ago the Irish Free State requested permission to use our designs for 155 mm guns and ammunition, 37 mm anti-tank guns and ammunition, and 37 mm anti-aircraft guns and ammunition. Permission to use these designs was obtained in the usual way but information has just been received from the Irish Legation that they are not now interested in placing orders for this materiel.

FRANCE

Mr. Fairweather and Mr. Teller of the Colt Patent Fire Arms Company visited the office on December 4 and said that the French are approaching them to produce machine guns against the possibility that the Fabrique Nationale, the European affiliate of the Colt Company, could not supply machine guns to the French. The French representative was informed by the Colt Company that their requirements could not be filled without disturbing our own government orders with the company. The French representative then mentioned the possibility of securing priority over our orders and stated that he proposed to take the matter up through diplomatic channels in Washington. The Committee informed the Colt Company that its policy is to safeguard our own government orders in their plant and that any decisions for priorities would have to be made by higher authority.

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It is understood that the French are interested in Allison aircraft engines and are discussing the supply of such engines with the firm after the completion of the orders for our government.

A request was received from G-2 to investigate a supply of field shoes which is stored in Bush Terminal, New York. It was determined that these shoes are in the New York Depot and belong to our government. The French are interested in purchasing the shoes and are seeking authority to examine the supply for condition. A report was made to G-2 to the effect that these are government stocks and that the size tariff is badly disorganized for group supply because of previous issues to other government agencies in the past few years. Since the shoes belong to the government, there arises in this case the question of sale of U. S. Government property direct to a foreign government, and it is doubtful whether such a sale would be in order even if the condition of the stock and other factors turn out to be favorable.

CHINA

The Criterion Trading Corporation, which is an agency of the Chinese Government, asked for copies of 300 to 400 specifications, mostly for Ordnance materiel. They wished to buy these specifications from the Superintendent of Documents. The question of release of the specifications was referred to G-2 for consideration.

FINLAND

The Finnish Legation was notified that authority has been granted to use our designs for an order of 184 anti-tank guns. The Committee is much interested in the Finnish orders and it is believed that some difficulty is being met in placing these orders.

YUGOSLAVIA

The Military Attaché for Yugoslavia is being furnished certain information concerning orders which his government is contemplating at the present time. This information includes mainly advice to approach the Hercules Powder Company for estimates on the cost of a powder factory, a resume of the situation for the purchase of powder, advice on gas masks, advice on toluol and nitrated cotton, a statement that the general policy is to discourage the export of raw rubber, and the addresses of certain makers of commercial machinery useful for engineering work.

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EMBARGO ON AIRPLANES

In compliance with instructions of the Assistant Secretary of War, certain aircraft company representatives in Washington were verbally notified that our government hopes that no contracts with the Russians will be entered into. These notifications were made informally by calling the representatives to the office and telling them of the situation.

CONFERENCE WITH PRATT & WHITNEY REPRESENTATIVES

A conference was held with three Pratt & Whitney representatives in connection with a request submitted by them to grant production licenses for their Model 1830 engine in Australia and Sweden. This conference was mainly held to obtain the viewpoint of the company in this matter. The whole question of release of our designs for foreign production has been opened and several other inquiries have been received. Recommendations will be made by the Committee to higher authority as to the policy which should be pursued on this important question.



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Colonel, U. S. Army,
Chairman, Clearance Committee,
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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR
WASHINGTON

December 15, 1939

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Dear Pa,

Herewith is Report No. 13
for the President's information on the
subject of "Foreign Inquiries for Pro-
duction of Munitions."

Sincerely yours,

Louis Johnson

General E. M. Watson
Secretary to the President
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December 15, 1939

Report No. 13

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Assistant Secretary of War
The Assistant Secretary of Navy.

SUBJECT: Foreign Inquiries for Production of Munitions.

1. In accordance with instructions to submit from time to time a brief report on foreign inquiries for military equipment the following notes are made:

FINLAND

Information has been received from the American Drug Manufacturers Association that the Finnish Legation has consulted them about a supply of drugs including opium, mastic, iodine, procaine and sulfapyridine. The Committee understands that arrangements are being made to supply these items through regular commercial channels.

As stated in a previous report the Finnish Legation has asked for clearance on our gas mask designs for an order of 80,000. Present indications are that the War Department will clear this request except for the secret features. The papers are now in General Staff and ways and means are being surveyed to obtain a supply in the immediate future.

Several conferences have been held with the Finnish representatives to devise ways and means to procure an early supply of airplanes.

The representative of the Remington Arms Company, Mr. Scott, called at the office to show to the Committee a copy of the contract which is being made with the Finnish Government for small arms ammunition. The following deliveries are scheduled for the 7.62 mm small arms cartridges:

1,000,000	--	prior to March 1, 1940.
2,000,000	--	" " April 1, 1940.
4,000,000	--	" " May 1, 1940.
3,000,000	--	" " June 1, 1940.

In addition to the above 7.62 mm ammunition it is understood that the Finns are also negotiating with Remington Arms Company for 2,000,000 caliber 30 cartridges, 500,000 caliber 30 tracer cartridges and 1,250,000 caliber 50 cartridges of which 1/5 will be tracer and 4/5 armor piercing.

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This negotiation is dependent upon the supply of aircraft guns for airplanes to be purchased in this country.

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The Finnish Government has also asked officially for permission to use the American design for 37 mm anti-tank guns. This design had been previously released to them for a projected order for 184 guns but the Finnish Government reduced the number to 100 and the Committee has deemed it advisable to refer the question of the reduced number to the Chief of Ordnance for decision.

BELGIUM

The Belgium Embassy called the office to ask for some advice on respiratory apparatus for aircraft. They have apparently asked for quotations from a firm in Chicago and are seeking advice whether the prices they ask are fair. Since the kind of apparatus concerned and the prices were not mentioned the Embassy was advised to obtain full information and submit it to the Committee.

SWEDEN

Action was prepared for the Secretary of War on a Swedish request for assistance with the Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Company to expedite engine deliveries to the Republic Aircraft Corporation in connection with an order for 69 planes. In general the State Department was told that it is not the policy of the War Department to involve itself in industry priorities and that it would be better for the Minister to approach the Pratt & Whitney Company directly to see what can be done to expedite engines for the Republic order.

ARGENTINA

The Remington Arms Company representative informed the Committee that Argentina is interested in purchasing the following:

- 10,000 caliber 50 ball cartridges
- 5,000 caliber 50 armor piercing cartridges
- 5,000 caliber 50 tracer cartridges.

They expect to quote on this order with delivery in about ten weeks and state that this order will not interfere in any way with any of our government orders.

BRAZIL

From the State Department reports it has been learned that Brazil has rejected an application to export 40 tons of Brazilian ferro-nickel to Germany. This decision was based on a shortage of nickel in Brazil and their lack of desire to accept German compensation marks in payment.

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NORWAY

The Norwegian Minister has inquired whether one United States rifle, caliber 30 M1 can be obtained for tests by his government. This matter is under consideration in the War Department.

Information has also been received from the Remington representative that Norway is ordering 20,000 rounds of caliber 50 ball and tracer ammunition and deliveries will probably be within ten weeks.



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WASHINGTON

January 2, 1940.

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Dear Pa,

Enclosed for the President's information is Report No. 15, on the subject of "Foreign Inquiries For Production of Munitions."

Sincerely yours,

Handwritten signature: Louis Johnson

General E. M. Watson
Secretary to the President
The White House

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Date- 7-29-70

December 22, 1939 Signature- JWA

MEMORANDUM FOR The Assistant Secretary of War
The Assistant Secretary of the Navy
The Deputy Chief of Staff

SUBJECT: Foreign Inquiries for Production of Munitions.

1. In accordance with instructions to submit from time to time a brief report on foreign inquiries for military equipment, the following notes are made:

CHILE

The State Department advises that the Remington Arms Company has received a request from Imex Trading Corporation of New York for quotations on 3,000,000 rounds of Caliber 7 mm cartridges and 1,000,000 rounds of Caliber 9 mm cartridges. This corporation stated that the inquiries were on behalf of the Chilean Government. The Remington Company told the corporation that it would not sell military ammunition except to governments or the accredited agents of governments.

FINLAND

In connection with the supply in the near future of forty-four Brewster pursuit planes, the War and Navy Departments have waived priority on deliveries of a sufficient number of machine guns to equip these planes as they are delivered. Since the commercial model of the Caliber .50 gun can not be produced in time, the Army design has been released. The Colt's Patent Fire Arms Manufacturing Company has had consultations with representatives of the Army and Navy and the details have been worked out to permit the Finns to obtain priority in this special case. This is in no sense a sale of Government property since the guns concerned have not been delivered to the Government and the title remains with the Colt Company. In conversation with the Colt

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representative, it seems probable that the Army deliveries on the Caliber .50 guns now on order will not be delayed at all because a second shift has been started by the Colt Company and will attain greater efficiency as time goes on. As to ammunition, it is understood that arrangements have been made with the Remington Arms Company to provide a supply of ammunition for these guns.

There have been rumors in the press that the Finns have placed orders for gas masks but the Committee has been informed by the Finnish representatives that bids have been asked for and no order actually placed to date. The design of the military gas mask has been released to the Finns. They have also indicated some interest in a civilian type of gas mask which was designed by the Chemical Warfare Service and can be produced for about \$2.00. If a sizable order is placed the design of this civilian type gas mask will also be released to them.

It is understood that Lieutenant General Nennonon, the famous Finnish artillery officer, has arrived in the United States and will be the head of the Finnish Purchasing Mission for munitions. This officer is the author of the Finnish artillery formula described in a newspaper article a few weeks ago.

The general plan of the Finns in procuring munitions is to operate under a system of competitive bids similar to our own and to take up their requirements in an orderly manner dictated by priorities. The Legation has two American employees who are thoroughly familiar with American business methods and have been assisting the attaché in his negotiations.

FRANCE

There has come to hand a copy of a letter from Mr. Floch-Lainé of the French Purchasing Commission to the Aluminum Company of America covering the French needs for aluminum for the year 1940. It seems that the requirements for sheets, bars and profiles yet to be ordered will total 10,050 metric tons or 840 tons per month. In addition, there will be required forgings as follows:

500 crank cases M type a month
500 " " N " "
800 propeller blades "

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The Committee has not heard of the reaction of the Aluminum Company to these large requirements but it is believed that there would be great difficulty in filling such requirements in the light of our own national defense.

GREAT BRITAIN

The Naval Attaché of the British Embassy requested information from the Navy Department whether they can be supplied with naval 3" 50 Caliber guns, together with ammunition for these guns. The numbers mentioned were:

500 Guns
50,000 H.E., A.A. Projectiles
50,000 Common Projectiles

The Navy Department has taken the view that it has no objection on the grounds of military secrecy in its relation to national defense to the release for export sale to Great Britain of this materiel and has furnished a list of plants which produced similar material during the World War. Coordination in the War Department is in process at the present time.

NORWAY

Information has been received from the Remington Arms Company that the Norwegian Naval Department has ordered 120,000 Caliber .50 cartridges with tracer bullets. The company expects to make deliveries in ten weeks.

PANAMA

Information has been received from the State Department that the Government of Panama is inquiring whether there will be any objection to an export license to Winchester Repeating Arms Company for 50,000 Caliber .30 cartridges and a license to Colt's Patent Fire Arms Company for six machine guns, six tripods, six belt loading machines, and 300 cartridge belts for these machine guns.

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UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

The Commercial Attaché of the Union of South Africa called on the Committee in connection with the supply of bombing and pursuit airplanes for South Africa. The Aeronautical Board was consulted. The names and addresses of firms believed in a position to furnish these airplanes were given to the Commercial Attaché. This requirement is still in the quotation stage and it is not known whether the Union of South Africa will eventually place orders for airplanes in this country.

ENGINEERING FIRMS

Many of the foreign inquiries being received involve the coordination of so many industrial elements that the Committee has reached the conclusion that orders for complicated items can not well be handled for coordination by the limited personnel available to embassy staffs, particularly for the staffs of small countries. The National Association of Manufacturers was consulted and recommended that general engineering firms might be in the best position to coordinate large orders for foreign governments if these governments desired to place the entire responsibility in their hands. Consequently, the Committee has obtained a list of engineering firms and is holding it in the files for use whenever the question of coordination is brought up by a foreign government.

BRITISH AND FRENCH AIRCRAFT ORDERS

There have been many newspaper accounts as to the British and French airplane orders in this country, some of which are exaggerated. There is attached hereto the status of these orders as of November 30th. This information was derived from Army Air Corps sources.

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CHAS. HINES,
Colonel, U. S. Army,
Chairman, Clearance Committee,
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STATUS OF BRITISH AND FRENCH AIRPLANE ORDERS
AS OF NOV. 30th, AERONAUTICAL MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORTS

<u>Company</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Ordered</u>	<u>Delivered</u>	<u>To Be Delivered</u>
<u>GREAT BRITAIN</u>					
Beech	Transport	18D	3	3	0
Douglas	Bombardment	DB-280	20	0	20
Lockheed	Comm. Transport	14WF62	2	2	0
Lockheed	Exec. Transport	12a(1274)	1	1	0
Lockheed	Recon. Bomb.	2B-14	100	0	100
Lockheed	Recon. Bomb.	B-14	250	250	0
North Amer.	Basic Combat	BC-1	32	15	17
North Amer.	Basic Combat	BC-1	400	387	13
North Amer.	Basic Combat	BC-1	120	120	0
North Amer.	Trainer (Basic)	NA-66	<u>600</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>600</u>
	Totals		1528	778	750
<u>FRANCE</u>					
Curtiss Aero. Div.	Hawk(pursuit)	75-A	250	250	250
Curtiss Aero. "	Hawk(pursuit)	75-A	550	0	550
Curtiss Aero. "	Pursuit	P-40	100	0	100
Douglas	Bombardment	DB-7	270	12	258
Douglas	Bombardment	DB-7A	100	0	100
Glenn Martin	Attack Bomb.	M-167-F	345	104	241
Lockheed	Comm.Transport	14-H2	8	8	0
North Amer.	Basic Trainer	BT-9	474	237	237
North Amer.	Basic Trainer	BT-9	55.5	55.5	0
Vought-Sikorsky	Scout Bomber	156	<u>40</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>
	Totals		2192.5	686.5	1506

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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR
WASHINGTON

January 13, 1940

Dear Pa,

Enclosed for the
President's information is Report
No. 17 on the subject of "Foreign
Inquiries for Production of Muni-
tions."

Sincerely yours,

Paul H. Johnson

General E. M. Watson
Secretary to the President
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January 6, 1940. *Signature: JWA*

Report No. 17.

MEMORANDUM FOR The Assistant Secretary of War
The Assistant Secretary of the Navy
The Deputy Chief of Staff
The Chief of Naval Operations.

SUBJECT: Foreign Inquiries for Production of Munitions.

1. In accordance with instructions to submit from time to time a brief report on foreign inquiries for military equipment, the following notes are made:

FINLAND

The Finnish Government is inquiring for 10,000 kilometers of field wire and has requested permission to use the Army specifications for Wire 110-B. It has been found that this type of wire was previously released for a French order and the War Department has agreed to give the Finnish Government these specifications. Several prominent wire manufacturers were also named to the Finnish Representative.

It is understood that the Chase Brass Company is quoting on 100,000 76 mm cartridge cases.

Arrangements are progressing to place orders for 81 mm Stokes-Brandt ammunition. It is probable that one of these orders (150,000 rounds) will be given to the Hunter Manufacturing Company of Bristol, Pennsylvania. This firm was inspected last week by the Ordnance Department and information furnished the Committee that there is no objection to its consideration for a Stokes-Brandt ammunition order. So far as known the remaining 150,000 rounds of the Finnish requirements have not yet been definitely negotiated.

Favorable action has been taken by the War Department to allow the Finnish Government to use our anti-tank gun design for an order of 100 guns. There will also be an order of 60,000 armor piercing shells for these guns.

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Negotiations are under way to place an order with Winchester for 50,000,000 rounds of 7.62 small arms cartridges. The Winchester Company have advised the Committee that first deliveries will be in the sixth week after signing of the order. The terms are 50% cash in advance and the balance in a letter of credit deposited to the credit of the Winchester Company in New York City. It is of interest to note that the Winchester Company intends to put a paragraph in its contract safeguarding its deliveries by a termination clause which will prevent the ammunition from being delivered if Finland should be defeated in this war. The Winchester Company has no orders from the United States Government at the present time.

GREAT BRITAIN

In a previous report it was noted that Great Britain has requested information from the Navy Department concerning a supply of 500 3" Naval guns and ammunition. The Navy Department had no objection to the release of this gun and the War Department has concurred in this decision.

The Committee has received the aluminum requirements of the British and it is apparent that the British requirements are about 200 tons a month. The French have stated that their requirements are 840 tons a month. A study is being prepared which will be submitted to the President's Liaison Committee concerning the practicability of supplying these amounts to the allied powers.

FRANCE

R. Hoe and Company has a subcontract from The American Tool Works in Cincinnati, Ohio for 95 engine lathes for the French Air Commission. The deliveries are supposed to start in April and end in November. This company is not a machine tool builder but has apparently gotten into the business because of the pressure of foreign and domestic orders.

The French Military Attaché showed the Secretary of the Committee a letter from a firm of brokers in New York offering to sell about 1,000,000 Enfield rifles to the French Government. These are, of course, United States government rifles. The Attaché was advised to have nothing to do with this deal. It is of interest to note that the firm offered these rifles for \$37.00 each and included 1,000 rounds of ammunition for each rifle.

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Similar attempts in the past of private individuals to sell Enfield rifles to foreign powers have come to the attention of the Committee and in each case the foreign government concerned has been advised to steer clear of the proposition.

CHILE

A report has been rendered to the State Department covering prices for certain obsolete military materiel desired by the Chilean Government. The matter of supply of this materiel at the prices quoted has not yet been settled.

YUGOSLAVIA

Colonel Burya introduced Mr. Froelich and Mr. Coffey of the Bethlehem Steel Company. Colonel Burya had in his possession a letter from the President's Liaison Committee authorizing the use of United States Army designs for an order as follows:

120 3" antiaircraft guns
144,000 3" antiaircraft shells.

Arrangements were made to introduce the representatives of Bethlehem Steel Company to the Office of the Chief of Ordnance so that sufficient information can be obtained on which to base a bid.

The Military Attaché also stated that negotiations have been carried on with the Douglas Aircraft Company concerning a supply of two-engine bombers and that the quotations have been sent to his government.

REMINGTON ARMS COMPANY

The Foreign Sales Manager of the Remington Arms Company advises the Committee that Estonian agents have asked for quotations on quantities up to 500,000 rounds of caliber .30 ammunition. The company has not yet quoted since it desires to determine whether the brokers in New York are actual agents of the Estonian Government.

The Company is quoting on 2,000,000 rounds of caliber .30 ammunition and 2,000,000 belt links for the Government of Canada.

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The Company is also quoting on 20,000 caliber .50 ball cartridges for Great Britain.

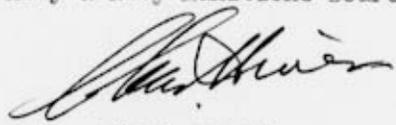
The Republic of China has asked for quotations on 15,000 7.9 mm rifles and the company is considering a bid on this item. Previous information available to the Committee indicates that Remington would like to go into the production of rifles.

Four agents in New York asked for quotations from the company for Chile covering the following:

- 2,000,000 7 mm service cartridges
- 1,000,000 7 mm blanks
- 1,000,000 9 mm Steyr (pistol)

In this case the company has advised the agents of its own foreign policy which is to quote only to governments or to accredited agents of governments.

For the Clearance Committee, Army & Navy Munitions Board.



CHAS. HINES
Colonel, U. S. Army
Chairman, Clearance Committee
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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR
WASHINGTON

January 17, 1940

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Dear Pa,

Enclosed for the President's information is Report No. 18, on the subject of "Foreign Inquiries for Production of Munitions."

Sincerely yours,

Louis Johnson

General E. M. Watson
Secretary to the President
The White House

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Report No. 18

January 12, 1940.

Date- 1-29-70

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MEMORANDUM FOR The Assistant Secretary of War
The Assistant Secretary of the Navy
The Deputy Chief of Staff
The Chief of Naval Operations.

SUBJECT: Foreign Inquiries for Production of Munitions.

1. In accordance with instructions to submit from time to time a brief report on foreign inquiries for military equipment, the following notes are made:

FINLAND

The representatives of the Hunter Manufacturing Company were introduced by the Finnish Attaché as contractors on the production of the 81 mm Stokes-Brandt ammunition. This item has been released to Finland, less the American fuze, and as noted in previous reports the Edgar-Brandt Company will grant a license to the Finnish Government for production in this country. The Hunter Manufacturing Company obtained sufficient information to proceed with their order. This company proposes to use a cast metal known as "Z" metal. At the suggestion of the Committee, fragmentation tests were made a few days ago of several samples of shells constructed of this metal. The tests were unsatisfactory, but from descriptions of the methods used it is probable that there was a fault of technique in detonating the shells. It may be that the Finnish Government will delay further action on the Hunter contract until the question of metal specifications is settled. In this connection, the Legation was advised that our type of 81 mm shell is made from a forging and not from a casting.

Action was approved by the Chief of Staff on the release of the Mark IV shell assembly, point detonating fuzes, Caliber .50 anti-aircraft machine guns, the specifications for Very signal lights, Army type of hand grenade, 37 mm anti-tank guns and ammunition, 3" anti-aircraft guns and directors, and ammunition for these guns. Official action notifying the Finnish Government of these decisions will be taken by the President's Liaison Committee in a few days.

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The representatives of the Finnish Government were advised that attention should be given to safety regulations in connection with any ammunition order. The Hunter Manufacturing Company was also advised of the Ordnance Department safety regulations. The Finnish Government was very pleased to receive our comments on this important subject and will include contract provisions covering safety.

FRANCE

The French desire to negotiate with the Colt Manufacturing Company for the production of 7.5 mm and 13.2 mm machine guns now produced for them by Fabrique Nationale in Belgium. It is their idea that if Fabrique Nationale should be lost, because of Belgium becoming involved in the war, a secondary source in the United States will be necessary. The Colt Company will be asked to produce components for these machine guns and hold them ready for assembly if called upon by the French. The question of allowing this to be done by the Colt Manufacturing Company is under discussion at the present time, but it seems probable that the French representative will be authorized to discuss this deal with the company. It will involve the creation of a new plant and the rate of production of the 7.5 mm machine gun will be in the neighborhood of 700 a month.

A study is in progress on the requirements for aluminum for France and Great Britain. France has on order at the present time about 3,950 metric tons and will require during the remainder of 1940 for French factories approximately 10,000 metric tons additional. The British requirements are for specialized types of fabricated aluminum, mainly tubes and bars, and total about 1,000 tons for the next six months. The study in progress is intended to round up the estimated domestic requirements (including foreign orders in domestic plants) and the requirements for foreign factories. These requirements will be submitted to the Aluminum Company of America for study as to the practicability of filling the French and British demands as they now exist.

The French Air Attaché has requested comments from the Government concerning the supply of 700 additional Allison engines. This matter has been coordinated with the existing and projected programs of the War and Navy Departments and it seems probable that the additional requirements for France will be met. The Allison Engineering Corporation has recommended that a capacity for 350 additional engines, above what is now on order for the United States

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Army, be reserved and that at no time would we give the French more than 70 engines per month, which is approximately one-third of the capacity. The company estimates that the delivery on the 700 engines now wanted by the French will extend to July, 1941.

Export licenses issued for the period January 1 to 6, 1940, indicate that the United Aircraft Corporation has received export licenses for 2,250 Pratt & Whitney twin wasp engines.

GREAT BRITAIN

The British and French Missions have been discussing powder requirements with the duPont Company. From present indications, these requirements will be as follows:

SMOKELESS POWDER

<u>French</u>	<u>British</u>
2,000 tons, Rifle	2,000 tons, Rifle
15,000 " Cannon	10,000 " Cannon

HIGH EXPLOSIVES

French and British
12,000 tons TNT

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French
200,000 pounds

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If the duPont Company undertakes this order, a new plant will have to be created. For the smokeless powder requirement, two powder lines producing 100,000 pounds each a day will be required. For the high explosives requirement, about four TNT units, each producing 1,000,000 pounds a month, will be necessary.

It is also understood that the Winchester Repeating Arms Company has been having discussions with the British and French concerning small arms ammunition. This negotiation has not become serious as yet because the financing of the new plant which will be required has not been settled to the mutual satisfaction of both parties.

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It has been noted that an export license has been issued to the E. W. Bliss Company for 50,400 empty 6" Howitzer shells, valued at \$907,500.00.

CANADA

The Medical Department has advised that the Heidbrink Company of Minneapolis, Minnesota, has received an order from the Canadians for 1,300 face masks to be used in oxygen therapy. This type of mask is of interest to the Medical Department because oxygen therapy may be very valuable in the treatment of shock cases at the front.

STANDARD OIL COMPANY

The Standard Oil Company has furnished the Committee a list of its actual exports and imports for the last quarter of 1939, and the commitments as they see them now for the first quarter of 1940. Several months ago this company furnished its estimated exports for the last quarter of 1939, and it has now been found that the actual exports were much lower than the estimated figures. The company explains this situation as due to restrictions on consumption in practically all European countries and delays to vessels caused by the war. They also stated that the first quarter of 1940 will probably reveal the same effects on their export situation.

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CHAS. HINES,
Colonel, U. S. Army,
Chairman, Clearance Committee,
Army and Navy Munitions Board.

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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR
WASHINGTON

January 23, 1940

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Dear Pa,

I am enclosing for the
President's information, Report No.
20, on the subject of "Foreign Inquiries
For Production of Munitions."

Sincerely yours,

Paul Johnson

General E. M. Watson
Secretary to the President
The White House

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ARMY AND NAVY MUNITIONS BOARD
MUNITIONS BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 19, 1940.

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Report No. 20.

MEMORANDUM FOR The Assistant Secretary of War
The Assistant Secretary of the Navy
The Deputy Chief of Staff
The Chief of Naval Operations.

SUBJECT: Foreign Inquiries for Production of Munitions.

1. In accordance with instructions to submit from time to time a brief report on foreign inquiries for military equipment, the following notes are made:

FINLAND

The Finnish Legation has asked for the release of the Army M-52 fuze to be used in their projected American order for 81 mm trench mortar shells. This fuze was not included in the original release of the Stokes-Brandt ammunition as it was thought that the standard Brandt fuze would be satisfactory for their orders. Some complications have arisen in connection with the production of this fuze by American manufacturers and the Finnish Government decided to ask for reconsideration of the original action excluding the American type fuze from the release. It seems probable that the M-52 or some other suitable model will be released for their use.

FRANCE

It has been learned that Triumph Explosives, Inc., of Elkton, Maryland is executing an order for 5,000 landing flares. This order is for Air Associates, Inc. of Garden City, New York but it is believed that the materiel is destined for France. Deliveries are proceeding at 250 a week and it has been determined that there is no interference with a current Army order for spotting charges held by that company.

TURKEY

The State Department has furnished information that the Turkish Government has decided to purchase 25 Consolidated flying boats and 40 dive bombers in the United States. These will be financed by Great Britain from the unused balance of their loan to Turkey. It seems that the British factories are unable to supply these airplanes. The Turkish Embassy in Washington will handle the deal.

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HAITI

The Government of Haiti has asked for installment terms on its purchase of 2500 Enfield rifles, recently authorized for sale to them by our Government. Decision has not yet been reached as to the reply which will be made to this request.

JAPAN

It is understood that Japan is negotiating with the Baldwin Locomotive Company for a press to forge armor plates for naval vessels. The Baldwin Company has been informed by the State Department that there is no objection to these negotiations under the moral embargo. The order is said to be \$1,000,000, with payment one-third down, one-third when the order is half completed, and one-third on completion of the order.

NETHERLANDS

The Netherlands Legation has furnished a short list of additional orders placed in the United States.

TIN

The Commerce Department advises that tin is still flowing out of the country. In the early part of January 2,000,000 pounds of tin, valued at \$1,100,000, were shipped to Russia. It seems probable that another press release will be issued urging that the United States supply of tin be conserved to the maximum extent possible, particularly since efforts are being made to accumulate a stock-pile of this metal.



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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR
WASHINGTON

January 30, 1940

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Dear Pa,

There is enclosed for the
President's information, Report No. 21
on the subject of "Foreign Inquiries for
Production of Munitions."

Sincerely yours,

Paul Johnson

General E. M. Watson
Secretary to the President
The White House

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MEMORANDUM FOR The Assistant Secretary of War
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The Deputy Chief of Staff
The Chief of Naval Operations.

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An order for 2,000 Very pistols and 600,000 signals for these pistols has been placed with Triumph Explosives Corporation.

The Finnish Legation is interviewing prospective bidders for trench mortar ammunition and field artillery shell but has not yet placed any orders.

On January 22, 1940, the Finnish Minister transmitted to the State Department a request from his Government for the supply of airplanes and ordnance equipment and ammunition from the stocks of the United States Army. He stated that the early supply of these items is absolutely necessary to protect the civilian population and to insure the further defense of the country. This request is being processed in the War Department at the present time but it seems doubtful that direct aid by supply from Government stocks can be authorized because such action would be illegal unless the material concerned is declared surplus by the War Department.

FRANCE

The Remington Arms Company has informed us that the French Government has ordered 15,000,000 rounds of Caliber .45 automatic pistol ammunition for use in the Thompson Submachine guns purchased several months ago. The whole order is to be delivered within four months after the date of the contract.

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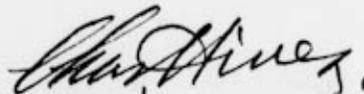
The Belgium Embassy has advised that an order has been given to Aviation Equipment & Export, Inc., for 280 Gaertner inhalators and necessary existing equipment. These inhalators are used for high altitude flying.

SOUTH AFRICA

The South African Legation has placed machine tool orders valued at \$115,000 with various firms. Deliveries range from twelve to eighteen weeks. These machines are for the Royal Mint at Pretoria.

NORWAY

The Sperry Gyroscope Company has received an inquiry through commercial channels from Norway for the supply of 8-10 anti-aircraft searchlights. As this was not a direct government inquiry the representative of the Sperry Company was referred to the Norwegian Legation to determine whether that Government is actually interested in procuring searchlights. In conversation with the Sperry Representative it was learned that any Norwegian requirement for a small number of searchlights could be fitted into their production schedule, since there has been some difficulty in getting the Brazilian Government to give them definite authority to go ahead with an order for that government which was negotiated several months ago.



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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR
WASHINGTON

February 1, 1940

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Dear Pa,

Enclosed for the information of the President is Report No. 22, dated January 31, 1940, on the subject of "Foreign Inquiries for Production of Munitions."

Sincerely yours,

Paul Johnson

General E. M. Watson
Secretary to the President
The White House

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January 5, 1940.

Report No. 22.

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Secretary of War
The Assistant Secretary of the Navy
The Assistant Secretary of War ✓
The Deputy Chief of Staff
The Chief of Naval Operations.

SUBJECT: Foreign Inquiries for Production of Munitions.

1. In accordance with instructions to submit from time to time a brief report on foreign inquiries for military equipment, the following notes are made:

GREAT BRITAIN

The British Embassy has informed the State Department of orders as follows for the United Kingdom and Australia:

75 Sperry Directors with Sperry Gyroscope Company
2,000,000 lbs. T.N.T. with Atlas Powder Company
100 Reconnaissance bombers with Lockheed Aircraft Company
30 Flying boats (P.B.Y.-2) with Consolidated Aircraft Corp.
12 spare engines for these boats
\$900,000 for armament and radio equipment with unknown firms.

SOUTH AFRICA

The Legation of South Africa is inquiring for 500,000 yards of 15.5 oz. duck suitable for making tents. After consultation with the chairman of the President's Liaison Committee the names of ten large producers of duck were furnished to the Legation.

SWEDEN

The Swedish Mission headed by Prince Bertil is now in this country and has submitted to the President's Liaison Committee a list of Army and Navy materiel required by Sweden. The Committee is also informed that an order for 144 airplanes has been placed with Vultee and advice has been received today that engines for these planes will be available. The airplanes use Pratt and Whitney Twin Wasp engines.

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FINLAND

A newspaper dispatch this morning indicates that 11 of the Brewster Airplanes ordered in this country in December have arrived in Bergen, Norway. These are the first arrivals on an order for 44 airplanes.

FRANCE

The State Department advises of two large export licenses issued in the last week for shipment to France as follows:

1240 Cyclone Model GR 2600-A5B Wright engines
valued at \$20,913,000
130 Model 167-F Martin bombers valued at \$17,154,091.70

ALUMINUM

The Aluminum Company of America is engaged in a study of the supply of aluminum to meet the American domestic program (including foreign orders placed in American factories) and aluminum required for export to British and French factories. The American Government and Allied requirements were furnished to the Company. It is understood that a representative of the Company has had a conference with the Chairman of the President's Liaison Committee in which the foreign needs were thoroughly canvassed. From present indications the domestic program can be met and in addition it seems probable that bottle-neck requirements of the British can also be handled without difficulty. The French requirements will require further clarification.

FOREIGN ORDERS PLACED

There is attached hereto a tabulation showing foreign orders placed, exclusive of aircraft, from such records as the Committee has been able to assemble. It will be noted that aircraft are not included. Another tabulation of aircraft orders only will be furnished in a later report.

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FOREIGN ORDERS PLACED (EXCLUSIVE OF AIRCRAFT)

	<u>Great Britain</u>	<u>France</u>	<u>Canada</u>	<u>Finland</u>	<u>Other Countries Western Hemisphere</u>	<u>Other European Countries</u>	<u>Other Countries</u>
<u>ORDNANCE DEMOLITION</u>							
Bomb, Demolition, 800			200				
Bomb, Demolition, 1100			50			250	400
Cartridges, Cal. .30			2,000,000			57,500	
Cartridges, Cal. .38					50,000		
Cartridges, 7.62 mm				50,000,000			
Cartridges, Cal. .45		15,000,000					
Cartridges, Cal. .50						120,000	
Flares, Landing		5,000					
Shells, 20 mm (cases)		5,000,000					
Shells, 25 mm (cases)		5,000,000					
Shells, Gas, 37 mm			1,800				
Shells, 75 mm					1,000		
Shells, empty, 6" How.	50,000						
Signals for Very Pistol				600,000		600,000	
Metal parts							
Cups, discs & bands, etc.					6,500 tons		
Propellant powder							100 tons
Nitro Cellulose			975 tons				
Tetryl							40 tons
T. N. T.	1,000 tons						900 tons
Machinery for Ammunition, etc.			\$200,000	\$600,000			\$300,000
<u>ORDNANCE MATERIEL</u>							
Adapters, high speed for guns	2,500						
Barrels, Gun, 3.7 in.	50						
Binoculars	1,000			1,000			
Guns, sub machine, Cal. .45		4,400					
Guns, Machine, 7 mm					50		
Guns, Machine, Cal. .30 A.C.							
Guns, Machine, 7.92 mm A.C.			140				
Guns, Machine, 12.7 mm A.C.						322	74

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	<u>Great Britain</u>	<u>France</u>	<u>Canada</u>	<u>Finland</u>	<u>Other Countries Western Hemisphere</u>	<u>Other European Countries</u>	<u>Other Countries</u>
<u>ORDNANCE MATERIEL (Cont)</u>							
Forgings, gun, tube & liner, 80 mm		15					
Forgings, gun, breech & body	4,000						
Pistols, Signal				2,000		2,000	
Revolvers							8,000
Directors, 3.7 in. A.A.	280						
Bomb Sights, "Astopy"			20				
Torpedoes w/extra flasks (Navy)		100					
<u>QUARTERMASTER EQUIPMENT</u>							
Blankets		500,000					
Canteens							100,000
Cloth, O.D.	580,000 yds.						700,000 yds.
Horses and Mules		6,000				2,300	
Hose, Fire	2,500,000 ft.						
Shoes						275,000	
<u>QUARTERMASTER MOTORS</u>							
Motorcycles		5,000					
Trucks		3,500				500	500
Engines	900,000						
<u>ENGINEER EQUIPMENT</u>							
Searchlights, 60" A.A.		534			60		
Mirrors, Metal, for searchlights		384					
<u>CHEMICAL WARFARE EQUIPMENT</u>							
Masks, Gas, Horse				1,000			
Piecepieces for Gas Masks		1,000,000					
<u>SIGNAL CORPS EQUIPMENT</u>							
Wire, field		93,000 mi.					
Lamp, Signal	326						
Radio Equipment	900,000						

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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR
WASHINGTON

February 27, 1940.

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Dear Pa,

Enclosed for the information
of the President is Report No. 25 on the
subject of "Foreign Inquiries for Production
of Munitions."

Sincerely yours,

Louis Johnson

General E. M. Watson
Secretary to the President
The White House

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ARMY AND NAVY MUNITIONS BOARD
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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Secretary of War
The Assistant Secretary of War
The Assistant Secretary of the Navy
The Deputy Chief of Staff
The Chief of Naval Operations

SUBJECT: Foreign Inquiries for Production of Munitions.

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FINLAND

The tempo of exports to Finland is increasing. During the month of December the value of exports was \$743,000, and in January the value was \$1,004,000. Approximately one-half of the January exports consisted of airplanes and petroleum products.

The Secretary of War has approved a priority for immediate requirements of Finland for TNT and smokeless powder. Study of the situation indicated that the deliveries under contract for the War Department are enough in excess of the actual loading requirements so that it is possible to allow Finland to make contracts for their immediate needs and still not hinder the loading program of the War Department. The priority is for not exceeding 1,150,000 pounds of TNT and not exceeding 600,000 pounds of powder.

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Although the situation in Finland seems to be critical, the Legation is proceeding with its plans for the placement of orders covering trench mortar ammunition and field artillery ammunition.

SWEDEN

The Swedish Trade Delegation has made official request for the release of designs for searchlights, anti-tank guns and ammunition, machine guns, small arms ammunition, tanks, wire, range finders, field artillery and trench mortar ammunition, gas masks, radio equipment, and certain naval items. These requests are being processed in the War and Navy Departments and it seems probable that most of their requests can be promptly approved because many of the items have already been released.

It has been learned that 500 Thompson sub-machine guns have been ordered and Remington has been approached for the supply of 5,000,000 rounds of caliber .45 ammunition for these guns.

BRAZIL

The State Department advises that the Bank of Brazil has opened an irrevocable letter of credit in New York which is presumably for the purchase of twenty training planes from North American Aviation. The letter of credit is said to be for \$998,528.00.

Action is completed offering the Republic of Brazil ninety 6" British guns from the surplus stocks of the War Department.

FOREIGN ORDERS IN HARTFORD ORDNANCE DISTRICT

There has come to hand a report from the Hartford Ordnance District concerning foreign contracts. Of seventy-three companies reporting, sixty-six had either no export orders on their books or only a small normal percentage which is figured as a part of their regular production schedules. Many of these companies state that they accept foreign orders only on a contingent delivery basis and do not permit such orders to hold up domestic deliveries. It is interesting to note that two machine tool companies in this district have a distribution as follows:

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Ballard Company: Number of machines - 210

<u>Distribution</u> - France	41%
Russia	23%
England	18%
Jepen	10%
Italy	5%
Australia)	
Switzerland)	3%
Canada)	

Hendey Machine Company: 40% of their output to go abroad.

<u>Distribution</u> - France	171 machines
England	59 "

The Bridgeport Brass Company in the Hartford District has orders for 10,000,000 pounds of brass sheet and castings for Russia and 2,000 long tons of wire for England.

REMINGTON ARMS COMPANY

As Remington Arms Company has been approached by various foreign countries for quotations on small arms ammunition, the attached summaries will be interesting to show the scope of the inquiries being received by that firm.



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Chairman, Clearance Committee,
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SUMMARY OF INQUIRIES

Received By

REMINGTON ARMS COMPANY, INC.

ITEMS	AMOUNT	COUNTRY	ACTION	REMARKS
Cartridges, Cal. .22	large amount	Haiti	Requested more information	
Cartridges, Cal. .30	large amount	Taiti	Requested more information	
Cartridges, Cal. .30	10,000 rds.	Sabanas	Can furnish	
Cartridges, 9.62 mm A.P.	1,000,000 rds.	Finland	Quoted on inquiry	
Cartridges, 9.62 mm Tracer	1,000,000 rds.	Finland	Quoted on inquiry	
Cartridges, 9.65 mm	10,000,000 rds.	South America (country not named)	Policy prevents dealing with unauthorized intermediary	From Export Consol- idated Co. of N. Y.
Cartridges, 9.7 mm Tracer	1,000,000 rds.	Finland	Pending	
Cartridges, Cal. .45	3,000,000 rds.	Great Britain	Propose to quote	
Cartridges, Cal. .45	5,000,000 rds.	Sweden	Propose to quote	
Cartridges, Cal. .45	30,000 rds.	Ecuador	Policy prevents dealing with unauthorized intermediary	From Export Consol- idated Co. of N. Y.
Cartridges, Cal. .60 Service	1,000,000 rds.	Finland	Quoted on inquiry	
Cartridges, 13.2 mm L.C.	5,000,000 rds.	Sweden	Requested further information	
Ammunition, Explosive projectile	---	Sweden	Requested further information	
Barrels, Rifle, 7.62 mm	50,000	Finland	Quoted on inquiry	
Cases, Cartridge	100,000	Hong Kong	Policy prevents dealing with unauthorized representative	From Arnhold & Co. Ltd. London, Eng.
Primers, Rifle Cartridges	500,000,000	France	Declined to quote	
Rifles, Springfield Rebuilt	100	Bahamas	Unable to supply.	

Source - Letters from Remington Arms Company, Inc.
February 9 and February 12, 1940.

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SUMMARY OF INQUIRIES

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Cartridges, 7.92 mm (Service)	1,000,000 rds.	China	Policy prevents dealing with unauthorized intermediary	From Inter-Continent Trading Co. New York City.
Cartridges, 9 mm (Parabellum)	5,000,000 rds.	Finland	Under consideration	
Cartridges, Cal. .45 (Colt Auto.)	5,000,000 rds.	Sweden	Quoted on inquiry	
Guns, Auto., 20 mm, Army M.	25 each)	Scandinavian	Policy prevents dealing with unauthorized intermediary	From D. Hadjopoulos Company, New York City.
Guns, Auto., 20 mm, Navy M.	25 each)	Countries		Allied Munitions Supply Co., Stamford, Conn.
Guns, Auto., 40 mm, Army M.	25 each)			
Guns, Auto., 40 mm, Navy M.	25 each)			
Ammunition for each 20 mm gun	6,000 rds.)			
Ammunition for each 40 mm gun	4,000 rds.)			
Rifles, 7.9 mm, complete	15,000 each	China	Policy prevents dealing with unauthorized intermediary	From D. Hadjopoulos Company, New York City.
Shells, Cal. .303, empty primed	6,000,000 each	China	Preferred not to quote	From Wah Chang Trading Corp., New York City.
Primers for Cal. .303 Shells	6,000,000 each			

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Report No. 25

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Ballard Company: Number of machines - 210

Distribution - France 41%
Russia 23%
England 18%
Japan 10%
Italy 5%
Australia)
Switzerland) 3%
Canada)

Hendey Machine Company: 40% of their output to go abroad.

Distribution - France 171 machines
England 59 "

The Bridgeport Brass Company in the Hartford District has orders for 10,000,000 pounds of brass sheet and castings for Russia and 2,000 long tons of wire for England.

REMINGTON ARMS COMPANY

As Remington Arms Company has been approached by various foreign countries for quotations on small arms ammunition, the attached summaries will be interesting to show the scope of the inquiries being received by that firm.



CHAS. HINES,
Colonel, U. S. Army,
Chairman, Clearance Committee,
Army and Navy Munitions Board.

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SUMMARY OF INQUIRIES

Received By

REMINGTON ARMS COMPANY, INC.

ITEMS	AMOUNT	COUNTRY	ACTION	REMARKS
Cartridges, Cal. .32	large amount	Haiti	Requested more information	
Cartridges, Cal. .30	large amount	Haiti	Requested more information	
Cartridges, Cal. .30	10,000 rds.	Dominica	Can furnish	
Cartridges, 7.62 mm A.P.	1,000,000 rds.	Finland	Quoted on inquiry	
Cartridges, 7.62 mm Tracer	1,000,000 rds.	Finland	Quoted on inquiry	
Cartridges, 7.65 mm	10,000,000 rds.	South America (country not named)	Policy prevents dealing with unauthorized intermediary	From Export Consol- idated Co. of N. Y.
Cartridges, 7.7 mm Tracer	1,000,000 rds.	Finland	Pending	
Cartridges, Cal. .45	3,000,000 rds.	Great Britain	Propose to quote	
Cartridges, Cal. .45	5,000,000 rds.	Sweden	Propose to quote	
Cartridges, Cal. .45	30,000 rds.	Ecuador	Policy prevents dealing with unauthorized intermediary	From Export Consol- idated Co. of N. Y.
Cartridges, Cal. .50 Service	1,000,000 rds.	Finland	Quoted on inquiry	
Cartridges, 13.2 mm I.C.	5,000,000 rds.	Sweden	Requested further information	
Ammunition, Explosive projectile	--	Sweden	Requested further information	
Barrels, Rifle, 7.62 mm	50,000	Finland	Quoted on inquiry	
Cases, Cartridge	100,000	Hong Kong	Policy prevents dealing with unauthorized representative	From Arnold & Co. Ltd. London, Eng.
Primers, Rifle Cartridges	500,000,000	France	Declined to quote	
Rifles, Springfield Rebuilt	100	Bahamas	Unable to supply.	

Source - Letters from Remington Arms Company, Inc.
February 9 and February 12, 1940.

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SUMMARY OF INQUIRIES

Received by

REMINGTON ARMS COMPANY, INC.

ITEMS	AMOUNT	COUNTRY	ACTION	REMARKS
Cartridges, Cal. .30/06	2,000,000 rds.	Canada	Received order.	
Cartridges, Cal. .303 (British)	500,000,000 rds. (maximum)	Great Britain	Preparing quotation.	
Cartridges, 7.92 mm (Service)	1,000,000 rds.	China	Policy prevents dealing with unauthorized intermediary	From Inter-Continent Trading Co. New York City.
Cartridges, 9 mm (Parabellum)	5,000,000 rds.	Finland	Under consideration	
Cartridges, Cal..45 (Colt Auto.)	5,000,000 rds.	Sweden	Quoted on inquiry	
Guns, Auto., 20 mm, Army Lt.	25 each)	Scandinavian	Policy prevents dealing with unauthorized intermediary	From D. Hadjopoulos Company, New York City.
Guns, Auto., 20 mm, Navy Lt.	25 each)	Countries		
Guns, Auto., 40 mm, Army Lt.	25 each)			Allied Ammunition Supply Co., Stamford, Conn.
Guns, Auto., 40 mm, Navy Lt.	25 each)			
Ammunition for each 20 mm gun	6,000 rds.)			
Ammunition for each 40 mm gun	4,000 rds.)			
Rifles, 7.9 mm, complete	15,000 each	China	Policy prevents dealing with unauthorized intermediary	From D. Hadjopoulos Company, New York City.
Shells, Cal. .303, empty primed	6,000,000 each	China	Preferred not to quote	From Wah Chang Trading Corp., New York City.
Primers for Cal. .303 Shells	6,000,000 each			

Source - Letters from Remington Arms Company, Inc.,
February 15, 1940.

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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR
WASHINGTON

February 28, 1940.

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Dear Pa,

Enclosed for the information of the President is Report No. 26 on the subject of "Foreign Inquiries for Production of Munitions."

Sincerely yours,

General E. M. Watson
Secretary to the President
The White House

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Report No. 26.

February 26, 1940.

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Secretary of War
The Secretary of the Navy
The Assistant Secretary of War
The Assistant Secretary of the Navy
The Deputy Chief of Staff
The Chief of Naval Operations

SUBJECT: Foreign Inquiries for Production of Munitions.

1. In accordance with instructions to submit from time to time a brief report on foreign inquiries for military equipment, the following notes are made:

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

Confirmation has been received that the Union of South Africa has placed orders as follows:

- 8,800 Cal. .38 Revolvers with Smith & Wesson
- 500,000 Yards O.D. Tent Duck with Mt. Vernon Mills

The price of the revolvers is \$21.50 each, which is believed not to be excessive under current conditions.

The South African representative presented a note showing that the Chief of Staff of the South African Army is studying the procurement of about 100 Pack Howitzers and 150,000 rounds of ammunition for these guns. It was suggested that the South African authority be informed of the factors in procuring guns and ammunition from this country. This information was duly cabled to that Government. It has since been learned that the South African Government will not pursue this procurement any further because of the long time necessary to obtain deliveries.

SWEDEN

The Winchester Company is quoting to the Swedish Trade Delegation on 10,000,000 rounds of 9 mm Parabellum cartridges. These are for the European type of submachine gun.

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The Swedish Delegation has also asked for further information concerning the practicability of procuring tanks of our design.

The War and Navy Departments have agreed on an answer to be given the Swedish Trade Delegation concerning their request for release of certain designs of military equipment for negotiations for foreign sale. Within a few days the President's Liaison Committee will be informed of this action.

BRAZIL

It has been learned that Brazil has ordered four Link Aviation Trainers at a price of \$6,000 each.

NORWAY

The Sperry Company advises that it has an order from Norway for sixteen 60" searchlights. Deliveries will be accomplished earlier than would have otherwise been the case because there has been a delay on the part of the Brazilian Government in placing a firm order for searchlights.

MEXICO

The Mexican Ambassador has informed the State Department that his government is studying the possibility of purchasing war material in the United States. The list submitted included airplanes, rifles, rifle ammunition, 75 mm guns and ammunition, light machine guns, 13.2 mm anti-aircraft machine guns, and light combat cars. He further advised that the Embassy is charged with the purchase of this material and has not yet concluded a contract with any manufacturer.

IRISH FREE STATE

The Legation of the Irish Free State has sent a negative report that they have no orders in this country.

INDUSTRIAL FURNACE MANUFACTURERS ASS'N.

The Industrial Furnace Manufacturers Association has furnished the Committee with a report on its export orders as of February 20th. It is noted that the orders are not large and that the foreign countries concerned are France, Canada, South Africa and Russia.

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NATIONAL CARBON COMPANY, INC.

The National Carbon Company has reported its shipments of manganese ore, ferro manganese, and silico manganese to its foreign affiliate battery assembly plants. The report includes January 31st and involves relatively small quantities needed for the manufacture of storage batteries.



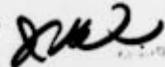
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W. M. Watson
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March 13, 1940

Dear Pa,

Enclosed for the information
of the President is Report No. 27 on
the subject of "Foreign Inquiries for
Production of Munitions."

Sincerely yours,

Louis Johnson

General E. M. Watson
Secretary to the President
The White House

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ARMY AND NAVY MUNITIONS BOARD
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 4, 1940.

Report No. 27

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Secretary of War
The Secretary of the Navy
The Assistant Secretary of War
The Assistant Secretary of the Navy
The Deputy Chief of Staff
The Chief of Naval Operations

SUBJECT: Foreign Inquiries for Production of Munitions.

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1. In accordance with instructions to submit from time to time a brief report on foreign inquiries for military equipment, the following notes are made:

GREAT BRITAIN

The Anglo-French Purchasing Board has submitted a request which is now under consideration to permit visits of British Nationals to various commercial manufacturing establishments in this country where the British have orders placed or expect to place orders. From this request it has been learned that British and Australian contracts already placed are 36 in number and that three more are in negotiation. The list indicates that 42 firms have received these contracts. Further details are being sought from the Board.

The Atlas Powder Company advises that another contract for T.N.T. has been made by that company. This is for another T.N.T. unit of 750,000 lbs. a month capacity. It will be recalled that note was made of a contract for the first of these T.N.T. units in a recent report. This new information indicates that the British now have contracted for new capacity with Atlas Powder Company of 1,500,000 lbs. a month.

Remington Arms Company advises an order for 3,000,000 caliber .45 ball cartridges is under discussion with them.

It has been learned informally that the British may be interested in procuring tanks in this country and that the American Army model will be considered. The policies governing release of American designs for negotiation have been explained to the Secretary of the Anglo-French Purchasing Board.

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FINLAND

The Finnish Legation has advised that ~~4 contracts~~ for components of 81 mm trench mortar ammunition have been placed. These contracts cover 150,000 rounds with an option for 150,000 additional.

The Legation is now proceeding with the placement of contracts for 75 mm gun ammunition.

A new firm called The International Engineering & Inspection Corporation has been designated by the Finnish Legation to make their inspections of orders placed. This firm is an American Corporation and it is believed that their intention is to develop an inspection organization which can also serve other foreign governments.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

The Legation of South Africa is inquiring for 2,500,000 caliber .38 ball cartridges. These are for the 8800 caliber .38 revolvers recently ordered from Smith & Wesson. The names of Remington Arms Company and Winchester Repeating Arms Company were furnished to the Legation and it is understood that Remington Arms Company expects to quote on this order.

Remington Arms Company, Winchester Repeating Arms Company and Savage Arms Company are quoting on the supply of 1,000 commercial model caliber .22 rifles.

A report has been received from the Legation that machine tool orders totaling about \$9,000.00 have been placed.

SWEDEN

War Department action has been completed approving release of certain U. S. Army designs for negotiation for foreign sale. This action has been transmitted to the President's Liaison Committee with the request that the Swedish Government be advised.

An order has been placed with Anaconda Wire & Cable Corporation for 21,450,000 feet of single conductor field wire.

Information has also been obtained that 100,000 gas masks have been ordered from the General Tire and Rubber Corporation.

An order has been placed with Remington Arms Company for 5,000,000 caliber .45 ball cartridges to be used with the 500 Thompson Submachine guns recently purchased direct from Sweden. Another order is

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under discussion with Winchester Repeating Arms Company for 10,000,000 9 mm Parabellum cartridges.

The principal remaining interest of the Swedes at the present time is to procure 100 tanks and a quantity of anti-tank guns with ammunition. It seems probable that they will wish to place an order with an American manufacturer now in production on the Army model of light tank.

The Swedish Trade Delegation is hastening its activities because they expect to leave on March 13 and sail for Sweden on March 16th. It is understood that one man will be left behind to administer the contracts placed.

AMERICAN IRON AND STEEL INSTITUTE

The American Iron and Steel Institute has furnished a tabulation of data for iron and steel production for foreign shipment on the books as of January 1, 1940. This was a forecast for the period up to July 1st and includes data on 95 companies. From this report it has been learned that the foreign commitments are relatively small. Out of 848,000 tons on order only 32,000 are for foreign account.

For the Clearance Committee, Army & Navy Munitions Board.



CHAS. HINES,
Colonel, U. S. Army,
Chairman, Clearance Committee,
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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR
WASHINGTON

April 1, 1940

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My dear Pa,

Enclosed is Report No. 30 on
the subject of Foreign Inquiries for Produc-
tion of Munitions for the President's
information.

Sincerely yours,

Louis Johnson

General E. M. Watson
Secretary to the President
The White House

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REPORT NO. 30.

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Secretary of War
The Secretary of the Navy
The Assistant Secretary of War ✓
The Assistant Secretary of the Navy
The Deputy Chief of Staff
The Chief of Naval Operations

SUBJECT: Foreign Inquiries for Production of Munitions

1. In accordance with instructions to submit from time to time a brief report on foreign inquiries for military equipment, the following notes are made:

GREAT BRITAIN

A contract dated March 11, 1940, with the Curtiss Wright Corporation has come to hand indicating that Great Britain has recently ordered the following:

600 GR1820-G205A Engines
600 GR2600-A5B Engines

The deliveries are as follows:

GR-1820 engines - First 10	--	June 30, 1940
Complete		February 28, 1941
GR-2600 engines - First 9	--	March 31, 1940
Complete		February 28, 1941

The British Embassy has furnished a statement of orders for supplies for military and naval use placed in the United States during the period of February 19th to February 29th. The statement is attached hereto.

BELGIUM

The Belgian Embassy has informed the State Department that the Belgian Military Mission to the United States, now returned home, ordered the following:

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BELGIUM (Continued)

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- 40 Airplanes from the Brewster plants;
- 96 12.7 mm caliber machine guns from the Colt Patent Fire Arms Co.;
- 10 Wright G 105-A spare engines for airplanes, and also
- 10 Curtiss propellers from same company, these two orders being given to the Wright Aeronautical Corporation through the Brewster Company;
- 4 Wright Whirlwind engines to equip training planes in Belgium;
Spare parts for the engines, propellers and the Brewster airplanes.

CHILE

Further conferences were held with the Special Ambassador from Chile on March 19th and 20th concerning armament requirements. No decisions on purchase of surplus armament offered to the Chileans have as yet been made. Estimated prices were given to the Ambassador for items contained in a list of new armament now being considered for procurement in this country.

BRAZIL

In connection with the sale of 6-inch guns to Brazil, technical information on these guns has been furnished. The Brazilians are now interested in going ahead with the purchase of some surplus 7" and 12" seacoast guns and we were informally advised that the money will be available soon for their purchase. As stated in other reports, the Brazilian Government intends to overhaul these guns at a commercial establishment and will no doubt arrange for the construction of carriages for such seacoast guns as may be sold to them. There is one activity at the present time in gathering technical information on the seacoast guns for the Brazilian representative.

SWEDEN

The State Department has advised that there is no objection on grounds of foreign policy to the sale of surplus 75 mm guns and 8-inch howitzers to the Swedish Government. On March 23rd the Swedish representative was informed that his Government must give a guarantee that these guns are for the use of the Swedish Government and will not be reexported.

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ANGLO-FRENCH REQUIREMENTS FOR
AIRCRAFT

The Anglo-French requirements for aircraft referred to in the last report are still under consideration. It seems probable that the Joint Board will have to act on this matter.

For the Clearance Committee, Army and Navy Munitions Board:



CHARLES HINES,
Colonel, U. S. Army,
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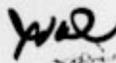
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BRITISH PURCHASING COMMISSION
STATEMENT OF ORDERS FOR SUPPLIES FOR MILITARY OR NAVAL USE
Placed in the United States by the United Kingdom Government
Through or with the knowledge of the British Purchasing Commission
From February 19, 1940 to February 29, 1940

Item	Date of Order	Supplier	Description	Quantity	Approximate Value of Order	Delivery Schedule
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AIR MINISTRY ORDERS

1.	Jan.22	Lockheed Aircraft Corp.	De-icing equipment for 200 Hudson bombers (Air Ministry item #7 on Statement of Dec. 15/39	-	\$73,000	March 1940 Jan. 1941
2.	Jan. 22	Lockheed Aircraft Corp.	De-icing equipment for 200 Model 32 Bombers (Air Ministry item #1 on Statement of Feb. 28, 1940)	-	73,000.	August 1940 April 1941
3.	Feb.20	United Aircraft Corp.	Spare Parts for Wasp Junior engines (Air Ministry item #8 on Statement of Feb. 28/40	22	1,917.	June 20, 1940
4.	Feb.20	Douglas Aircraft Co.	DB-7B Bomber Airframes Propellers	150 300 plus 20% spares	20,068,740.	Oct. 1940 July 1941
5.	Feb.23	Brewster Aeronautical Corp.	Hand Inertic Starters for 120 Model 539 Pursuit Planes (Air Ministry item #6 on Statement of Feb. 28/40) Crating, etc. for planes	120	155,000	May 1940- Feb. 1941

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MINISTRY OF SUPPLY ORDERS

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ADMIRALTY ORDERS

1	Feb.21	National Co. Malden, Mass.	National HRO Standard Radio Receivers & necessary equipment	70	16,285	To start Mar.25, 1940
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REPORT No. 20

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Secretary of War
The Secretary of the Navy
The Assistant Secretary of War
The Assistant Secretary of the Navy
The Deputy Chief of Staff
The Chief of Naval Operations

SUBJECT: Foreign Inquiries for Production of Munitions

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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR
WASHINGTON

April 2, 1940.

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My dear Pa:

Enclosed is Report No. 31
on the subject of Foreign Inquiries for
Production of Munitions for the information
of the President.

Sincerely yours,

Louis Johnson

General E. M. Watson
Secretary to the President
The White House

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April 1, 1940.

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Report No. 51.

MEMORANDUM TO: The Secretary of War
The Secretary of the Navy
The Assistant Secretary of War ✓
The Assistant Secretary of the Navy
The Deputy Chief of Staff
The Chief of Naval Operations

SUBJECT: Foreign Inquiries for Production of Munitions

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The Anglo-French Purchasing Board has requested assistance to the Atlas Powder Company in the loan or lease of ammonia oxidation equipment (for production of nitric acid) now stored at Picatinny Arsenal. Parallel action, by application to the Chief of Ordnance, has been taken by the Atlas Powder Company because that firm is unable to purchase such equipment in time to permit of initiation of plant production activities in the summer of 1940. It will be recalled that the Atlas Powder Company has large T.N.T. orders from the Allies. The equipment concerned is stored at Picatinny Arsenal at the present time in war reserve, and it would seem to be a great advantage to the Government to have it installed and in operation by a producing company. There are certain legal obstacles which may prevent the War Department from allowing the Atlas Powder Company to get this equipment from the Government. These obstacles are being reviewed at the present time. If the Company is not able to secure this equipment from the Government it seems improbable that it will be able to meet its production schedules for the British contract.

During the past week a study was completed of the armament requirements to meet the projected Anglo-French aircraft program. Consultation with the Colt's Patent Fire Arms Manufacturing Company representatives revealed that the large requirement of some 52,000 machine guns and 2,000 small cannon can not be met from existing facilities of that company. Capabilities of the firm were evaluated in their relation to U. S. Government requirements and the expansion necessary to meet Anglo-French requirements determined. There is no escape from the necessity for a new plant even if liberal concessions for priority over our own orders were granted.

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FINLAND

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The Swedish Government officially withdrew ^{its} request for the purchase of 200 75 mm guns and 32 8-inch howitzers offered from the surplus armament of the War Department. The Finnish Government immediately applied for these weapons and conferences revealed that it was the intention from the outset that Sweden would buy these guns for Finland. Since Finland is now at peace, the sale to that Government would not contravene the President's policy that no sales of surplus armament will be made to nations actually in conflict. The approval of the State Department has been obtained and activities are in progress at the present time to turn these weapons over to the Finnish representatives under the provisions of the Act of June 5, 1920 and at the prices established by the Secretary of War.

The Finnish orders for armament in this country are being carried through as originally planned. The chief modification has been in an order for 75 mm field gun ammunition where it seems that the Finns may decide to purchase components rather than complete rounds. The view has been taken by the Clearance Committee that it would be preferable to produce the complete round as originally planned since it would involve the creation of loading capacity which is sadly lacking in this country at the present time.

BELGIUM

The Belgian Ambassador visited the office a few days ago and stated that his government is interested in the new policy for release of aircraft and would like to talk to the manufacturers to obtain immediately 40 single seater pursuit planes capable of speeds from 375 to 400 miles an hour. He said that his Government is willing to take delivery in 1941. As the new policy on release of airplanes referred to elsewhere in this report applies to all foreign governments, the Ambassador was referred to the Chairman of the President's Liaison Committee to state his needs and get authority to confer with manufacturers.

FRANCE

A report has been received that the Pollak Manufacturing Company expects to sign a contract with the French Government for the manufacture of 6,000,000 RYG fuzes for use in small caliber shells. This is partial confirmation of a report previously received that the French are in the market for 12,000,000 fuzes. The Pollak Manufacturing Co. expects to set up a new plant employing about 450 people if they obtain this order, and proposes the rather optimistic proposition of completion of the order by September of this year.

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DENMARK

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The Danish Legation has furnished information that the Danish Government has two small orders in this country. These total only about \$5,200.

NETHERLANDS

From the Remington Arms Company it is learned that the Royal Netherlands Arsenal which maintains an office in New York is apparently asking for quotations on 25,000,000 rounds of caliber .311 cartridges and 25,000,000 rounds of caliber .256 cartridges.

YUGOSLAVIA

The Military Attache of the Yugoslav Legation advises that his Government is still negotiating with several manufacturers for the production of 80 anti-aircraft guns and ammunition, and 100 37 mm anti-tank guns and ammunition.

RELEASE OF AIRCRAFT DESIGNS

During the past week some important decisions have been taken concerning the release of our latest models of aircraft for foreign sale. Following a conference with the President, the Secretary of War went before the Military Affairs Committee of the House on March 27th and announced a new policy which will guide the War Department in its attitude toward the foreign sale of aircraft. A copy of this policy is attached hereto.

The Chairman of the President's Liaison Committee immediately called several meetings of the aircraft, engine, and accessories manufacturers and explained to them the tentative procedure for the release of items under the new policy.

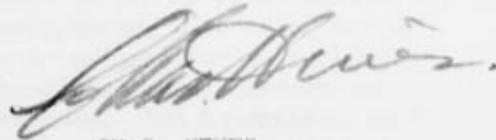
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For the Clearance Committee, Army & Navy Munitions Board.



CHAS. HINES,
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GOVERNMENT POLICY ON AIRCRAFT FOREIGN SALES

The War Department now has a great many planes under contract for delivery to the Air Corps, but because we are acquiring an increasing productive capacity, the necessity for early delivery of other than operating equipment is no longer so pressing. Therefore, we are adjusting the Government foreign sales policy to conform to the following:

When it is to the advantage of the national defense, the War Department will negotiate for deferred deliveries on contract planes. If manufacturers take advantage of foreign orders, then, prior to release for sale abroad, manufacturers shall agree to accept change orders on existing War Department contracts. The Government must be fully protected and any authorized delays must not interfere with the delivery of equipment for units immediately necessary for our defense needs.

The release policy for foreign sale of our most modern designs will be liberalized to accomplish the foregoing, to further stimulate productive capacity, and to insure improved types of planes for our forces. Each such case must be decided on its merits. Prior to the release of any of our designs for sale abroad, the manufacturer must negotiate with the War Department for such changes in those models which are under contract for the United States Army in order to insure that improved types of airplanes are delivered to the War Department.

No military secret will be divulged or released to any foreign purchaser of military airplanes.

Neither designs owned by the War Department nor manufacturer-owned designs over which the War Department has control, will be released for manufacture or detailed assembly abroad.

Foreign governments must agree to furnish us full and complete information on the design, equipment, and combat performance of American-made planes.

March 25, 1940.

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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR
WASHINGTON

April 13, 1940

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Dear Pa:

Enclosed for the President's information is Report No. 32 on the subject of Foreign Inquiries for Production of Munitions.

Sincerely yours,

Louis Johnson

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The Assistant Secretary of War ✓
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The Legation has instructions to purchase 230 additional caliber .50 aircraft machine guns. Conversations with the Colt Patent Fire Arms Manufacturing Company indicate that deliveries on the commercial model of this gun, in the numbers desired, can be accomplished by October 15, 1940.

SWEDEN

The Swedish Trade Delegation now has an office at 20 Exchange Place in New York City. Advice has been received from them that a contract has been signed with Smith & Wesson for 2,000 submachine guns of 9 mm caliber, deliveries to be completed within three months. This is the gun designed by Mr. Wesson of that Company, which Captain Hard of the Swedish Trade Delegation tested and found satisfactory for their needs.

Another contract has been placed with York Safe & Lock Company for 1,000 depth charges on which delivery is to be completed by the end of August, 1940. These depth charges are not to be loaded in this country.

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Several Curtiss Wright contracts have come to hand which indicate that Norway has on order 110 GR-1820 engines, deliveries to begin in August, 1940 and to be completed in May, 1941. Another contract is for 36 Hawk 75-A airplanes, with completion date December 31, 1940. This firm has also issued a license to assemble, manufacture and sell the Hawk 75-A airplane in Norway for a period of 5 years.

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FRANCE

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952 C-532-S propellers
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500 C-5315-S propellers

Deliveries are to begin April 30, 1940 and end February 28, 1941.

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AUSTRALIA

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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR
WASHINGTON

April 18, 1940.

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Dear Pa:

Enclosed herewith for the
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No. 33 on the subject of Foreign Inquiries
For Production of Munitions.

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Report No. 33

MEMORANDUM TO: The Secretary of War
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The Assistant Secretary of War ✓
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Owing to developments in Norway, the projected shipment of artillery sold to the Government of Finland by the United States Government, has been temporarily suspended. It is expected that when the situation clears and it is possible to ship this material, the Finns will go ahead with their plans. Some work has been done at Ordnance Depots in preparing this shipment.

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Information has been received that 50 additional model 156 Vought-Sikorsky single-engine dive bombers have been ordered. This supplementary contract is dated April 9, 1940 and brings to 150 the total on the contract.

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