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Mr. Edmund F. Mansure
Administrator
General Services Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mansure:

There is attached a revised Stockpile Procurement Directive for Fiscal 1955 which supersedes the Directive dated September 16, 1954, and all amendments thereto.

As in the past, I will appreciate your advising Mr. Floyd of the quantities of lead and zinc offered to the Government during the month of April. Also, please inform Mr. Floyd if materials needed for the minimum program become available in greater quantities than are authorized in this revised Directive.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Arthur S. Fleming

Arthur S. Fleming
Director

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Enclosure

cc: Messrs. Fleming
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OFFICE OF DEFENSE MOBILIZATION
STOCKPILE PROCUREMENT DIRECTIVE (Second Revision)
FISCAL YEAR 1955

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Pursuant to Section 3 of the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act as amended by the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 and Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1953, and Title III of the Defense Production Act as amended, the General Services Administration is hereby authorized and directed to purchase for the National Stockpile the kinds and quantities of strategic and critical materials set forth in the attached Tables I and II. The programs authorized under this directive shall be carried out in accordance with the following provisions and procedures:

A. GENERAL PROVISIONS:

1. All materials purchased for the stockpile shall meet stockpile purchase specifications.
2. Procurement is authorized to replace materials under approved rotation programs.
3. Prior to open market purchases toward minimum objectives, consideration and preference shall be given to the availability of supply from any Government-owned surplus or purchase program for that material.
4. Procurement of the materials authorized in this directive shall be additional to any free acquisitions of the same materials which may occur prior to June 30, 1955; provided the stockpile objectives for such materials are not exceeded.
5. In carrying out the program for achieving minimum stockpile objectives, the attention of the General Services Administration is directed to the following policy objectives of the Office of Defense Mobilization:

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 - (a) Minimum stockpile objectives will be achieved in the shortest possible period of time, keeping in mind the considerations set forth in (b), (c) and (d) below:
 - (b) Minimum stockpile objectives will be achieved without interfering with the current defense program and without creating undue hardship within the civilian economy.
 - (c) Procurement toward the minimum stockpile objectives shall make the maximum contribution to strengthening our domestic sources of supply and, at the same time, keep the United States in a position where we can continue to turn to foreign sources of supply in those areas where we know it will be impossible for us to rely completely on domestic sources of supply.

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- (d) In providing the amounts scheduled, every effort shall be made to procure the materials in the most economical manner possible.

6. Deviations from this directive shall be made only after prior approval of the Office of Defense Mobilization.

B. PROVISIONS CONCERNING PROCUREMENT FROM THE COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION AND FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL STOCKPILE:

The following provisions and procedures shall govern procurement by the General Services Administration of stockpile materials acquired by the Commodity Credit Corporation. The kinds and quantities of the materials authorized for procurement from the Commodity Credit Corporation toward long-term objectives and for the supplemental stockpile are shown in Table II.

1. All materials purchased from the Commodity Credit Corporation shall meet the stockpile specifications that are in effect at the time the materials are acquired by the Commodity Credit Corporation. All materials purchased for the supplemental stockpile shall meet a stockpile specifications.

2. Reimbursement of the Commodity Credit Corporation for stockpile materials shall occur only after receipt of the materials and shall not exceed the value of the same materials in the open market at the time of purchase by the Commodity Credit Corporation.

3. Reimbursement of the Commodity Credit Corporation by the General Services Administration for materials acquired for the long-term stockpile program shall be made only from funds appropriated for the purpose of such reimbursement.

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4. The General Services Administration shall inform the Commodity Credit Corporation of the kinds, quantities, and specification of the materials authorized in this directive for open market procurement toward minimum objectives and insofar as feasible, consideration shall be given to the procurement of such materials through barter as provided for in Section 303 of Title III of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954.

5. Procurement towards completion of unfulfilled long-term stockpile objectives for materials of foreign origin, and towards those objectives that are large enough to permit barter procurement without impairing the domestic mobilization base, will be made from Commodity Credit Corporation inventories to the extent that materials of stockpile grade are available.

6. The kinds and quantities of materials shown in Column 3 of Table II are authorized for procurement toward long-term objectives in accordance with the policy stated in Paragraph 4, above. These quantities shall be purchased only from the Commodity Credit Corporation.

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The General Services Administration shall inform the Commodity Credit Corporation of the kinds, quantities and specifications of the materials authorized for such procurement and shall accept custody when such materials are released to the stockpile by the Commodity Credit Corporation.

7. In no event, however, will the General Services Administration acquire materials of foreign origin from the Commodity Credit Corporation for either minimum or long-term objectives when the same amounts of such materials are available from domestic production.

C. SPECIAL PROVISIONS CONCERNING SPECIFIC MATERIALS:

1. Antimony - Procurement is limited to material of domestic origin.

2. Beryl - Includes 744 short tons of beryl ore in the form of 1,080,000 pounds of 4 percent beryllium-copper master alloy. This alloy shall be purchased from the two domestic producers in approximately equal shares with deliveries prorated throughout Fiscal 1955 at an approximately even rate. The alloy shall be credited to the stockpile of beryl ore and refined copper in equivalent amounts.

3. Chromite, Metallurgical -

Procurement: The quantity shown in the market purchase column of Table I includes the equivalent of 43,000 long dry tons of stockpile grade ore in the form of low carbon ferro-chrome. This material is to be obtained by processing the required quantity of Government-owned sub-grade chrome ore.

Metallurgical chromite purchased for the minimum program from the Commodity Credit Corporation may be in the form of ore or the equivalent amount in the form of ferro-chrome.

The quantity authorized for barter procurement toward the long-term objective (Table II) includes 250,000 long dry tons that may be purchased in the form of ore or the equivalent amount in the form of ferro-chrome.

Processing: The General Services Administration is authorized to provide for processing specification-grade ore now held in the National Stockpile so as to produce 10,000 short tons of high carbon ferro-chrome and 20,000 tons of low carbon ferro-chrome.

4. Diamonds, Bort - To be procured only if obtainable without obligation to take industrial diamond stones.

5. Feathers and Down - Procurement shall be limited to materials of non-Chinese origin.

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6. Fluorspar, Metallurgical - To be procured in the form of concentrates produced from domestic ores. Deliveries shall be made at approximately an even rate during the balance of Fiscal 1955.
7. Lead and Zinc - The quantities shown in the market purchase column of Table I are the cumulative amounts authorized to date for procurement during Fiscal 1955. They include the purchase of 12,500 short tons of lead and 20,000 short tons of zinc during the month of April 1955 for delivery no later than June 15, 1955. Purchases shall be confined to metal produced from newly mined ores of domestic origin and shall be made at market prices based on common grade, New York, for lead and prime western grade, East St. Louis, for zinc.

Ores of domestic origin shall be defined as:

- (1) Ores (including concentrates derived therefrom) mined in the United States subsequent to December 31, 1954; or
 - (2) A mixture of domestic ores with other ores and/or scrap, provided the quantity of lead or zinc sold by a supplier to the government under the long-term program does not exceed the lead or zinc contained in ores of domestic origin (including concentrates derived therefrom) that have been mined subsequent to December 31, 1954 and acquired by the supplier.
8. Manganese, Metallurgical - Procurement of the quantity authorized for market purchase toward the long-term objective is limited to material of domestic origin.

The quantity authorized for the supplemental stockpile (Table II) may be acquired in the form of ore or the equivalent amount in the form of ferro-manganese.

9. Silk - To be procured only in the form of silk waste and noils (beneficiated or clean basis).
10. Talc, Steatite - May be procured in block or lump form. Procurement is limited to material produced in the southern part of India.
11. Tantalite - The quantity authorized for market purchase shall be contained tantalum in the form of tantalum columbium pentoxide.

The General Services Administration is also authorized and directed to provide for processing columbite-tantalite concentrates held in the columbium stockpile inventory so as to extract 100,000 pounds (metal content) of stockpile grade tantalite

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12. Tungsten - The General Services Administration is authorized and directed to provide for the beneficiating stockpiled tungsten concentrates so as to produce 100,000 pounds of crystalline tungsten carbide (94,000 pounds metal content).
13. The General Services Administration is authorized to obligate against funds available in Fiscal 1955 the following purchase commitments that were made in Fiscal 1954 under authority of the Stockpile Procurement Directive for that Fiscal Year.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
ST	Asbestos, Amosite	600
ST	Beryl, Ore	124
LDT	Manganese, Battery Grade (Synthetic)	600
LB	Nickel	1,377,875
LDT	Chromite, Refractory	3,000
ST	Lead	4,300
ST	Zinc	10,000

This directive shall take effect on April 11, 1955.

/Signed/

Arthur S. Flemming
Director

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STOCKPILE PROCUREMENT PROGRAM
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TABLE I

Materials Authorized for Procurement in the Open-Market
and From Defense Production Act Inventories

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Market Purchases</u>	<u>Purchases From DPA Inventories</u>	<u>Total Procurement F.Y. 1955</u>
<u>MINIMUM PROGRAM</u>				
ST	Aluminum	-	452,485	452,485
ST	Asbestos, Amosite	1,800	-	1,800
ST	Asbestos, Chrysotile	1,200	-	1,200
ST	Beryl	4,744	95	4,839
	Ore	4,000	95	4,095
	Copper Master Alloy	744	-	744
LDT	*Chromite, Metallurgical Grade	300,000	118,458	418,458
LB	Cobalt (Metal Content)	-	928,000	928,000
CT	*Diamonds, Industrial Crushing			
	Bort	1,625,550	-	1,625,550
LB	*Feathers and Down, Waterfowl	553,000	-	553,000
SDT	*Fluorspar, Metallurgical Gr.	75,000	-	75,000
LB	Iodine	1,500,000	-	1,500,000
LDT	Manganese Ore, Battery Gr.			
	(Synthetic)	4,000	-	4,000
LDT	Manganese Ore, Chem. Gr.	14,000	-	14,000
LDT	Type A	6,000	-	6,000
LDT	Type B	8,000	-	8,000
LB	Mica, Block	200,000	267,000	467,000
	Good Stained and Better	100,000	74,000	174,000
	Stained	100,000	193,000	293,000
LB	Mica, Muscovite Film	100,000	-	100,000
LB	Molybdenum	-	26,329,374	26,329,374
LB	Nickel	-	78,072,678	78,072,678
LB	Opium (Morphine Content)	26,600	-	26,600
TrOs	Platinum, Platinum	95,000	6,479	101,479
LB	Selenium	5,000	-	5,000
LB	Shellac	1,000,000	-	1,000,000
ST	Silicon Carbide	25,000	-	25,000
LB	Silk, Waste and Wools	360,000	-	360,000
ST	*Talc, Steatite Block	600		600
LB	*Tantalite			
	Procurement	70,000	147,000	217,000
	Processing	See Special Provision	68,268	68,268
LT	Tin	-		
LB	*Tungsten, Processing		See Special Provision	

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Market Purchases</u>	<u>Purchases From DPA Inventories</u>	<u>Total Procurement F.Y. 1955</u>
<u>LONG-TERM PROGRAM</u>				
ST	*Antimony	2,500	-	2,500
ST	*Lead	113,500	108	119,608
LDT	Manganese, Battery (Natural)	9,173	-	9,173
LDT	*Manganese, Metallurgical Grade	50,000	38,896	88,896
ST	*Zinc	170,600	9,535	180,135
LDT	Chromite, Mat. Gr., Processing	See Special Provision		

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TABLE II

Materials Authorized for Procurement Toward Long-Term Objectives from the
Commodity Credit Corporation and for a Supplemental Stockpile
with Foreign Currencies

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Authorized for Procurement toward Long-Term Objectives</u>	<u>Authorized for a Supplemental Stockpile</u>
ST	Aluminum	500,000	-
ST	Antimony (SB Content)	-	50,000
ST	Asbestos, Amosite	10,000	-
ST	Asbestos, Chrysotile	7,500	-
	Bauxite, Metal Grade		
LDT	Surinam type	5,000,000	-
LDT	Jamaica type	-	5,000,000
LDT	Bauxite, Refractory Grade	-	300,000
ST	Beryl	2,000	3,000
Lb.	Bismuth	-	1,400,000
Lb.	Cadmium	-	7,000,000
LDT	Chromite, Chemical	200,000	-
LDT	Chromite, Metallurgical	800,000	300,000
LDT	Chromite, Refractory	400,000	200,000
Lb.	Cobalt (Metal Content)	25,000,000	15,000,000
ST	Copper	1,500,000	-
Ct.	Diamonds, Industrial Port	25,000,000	-
Ct.	Diamonds, Industrial Stones	5,000,000	-
Lb.	Feathers and Down	-	10,000,000
SDT	Fluorspar, Acid Grade	-	250,000
ST	Graphite, Amorphous Lump	700	-
ST	Graphite, Lubricant Flake	2,000	-
Lb.	Iodine	-	1,000,000
ST	Lead	-	500,000
ST	Magnesium	-	100,000
LDT	Manganese Ore, Battery Grade	-	35,000
LDT	Manganese Ore, Chemical Grade		
	Type A	10,000	9,000
	Type B	10,000	9,000
LDT	Manganese Ore, Metallurgical Grade	-	1,000,000
Fl.	Mercury	-	30,000
Lb.	Mica, Muscovite Block, Gd. St. & Better	5,000,000	-
Lb.	Mica, Muscovite Film	1,000,000	-
Lb.	Mica, Phlogopite Splittings	-	500,000
Lb.	Nickel (Metal Content)	-	400,000,000
Lb.	Opium (Morphine Content)	-	100,000

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Authorized for Procurement toward Long-Term Objectives</u>	<u>Authorized for a Supplemental Stockpile</u>
TrOz	Platinum, Platinum	40,000	130,000
TrOz	Platinum, Palladium	-	150,000
ST	Rare Earths, Sodium Sulphates (oxide content)	-	5,000
Lb.	Selenium	50,000	500,000
ST	Talc, Steatite Block	500	-
Lb.	Tantalite (Metal Content)	-	100,000
ST	Titanium	<u>5,000</u>	25,000
LT	Mn	-	30,000
ST	Zinc	-	1,250,000

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