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

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Dear Mr. Mansure:

There is enclosed Amendment No. 1 to the April 22nd revision of the Program for Obtaining Strategic and Critical Materials for the Fiscal Year 1954. This amendment increases the authorized procurement of nickel, amosite asbestos, and feathers and down; limits the quantity of raw silk that may be purchased during the period March 1 to June 30, 1954; and authorizes the market procurement of lead and zinc in accordance with the new long-term stockpile policy. The revisions in the procurement programs for nickel, silk, and feathers and down have been made previously by letter as indicated in the attached Table.

With respect to the lead and zinc programs the market purchase of these materials is authorized and directed at prices below 14 cents per pound, New York, for lead, based on corroding grade; and below 13 cents per pound, East St. Louis, for zinc, based on prime western grade. It is also directed that the market procurement of both of these materials shall be confined to metal produced from ores of domestic origin that have been mined subsequent to April 1, 1954.

It is expected that the long-term programs for lead and zinc will be continued for some time to come and that other programs looking toward the fulfillment of long-term stockpile objectives will also be undertaken. I am sure you realize that the nature of these programs will continue to arouse a great deal of interest, often of speculative nature, on the plans and objectives of the Government, and that this factor necessitates special care on the part of all participating agencies to prevent unauthorized disclosure of information. It is therefore requested that the details of the lead and zinc programs be restricted to those persons in your Agency who need such information in order to carry out the programs.

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Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Arthur S. Flemming

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Director

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AMENDMENT NO. 1
to
PROGRAM FOR OBTAINING
STRATEGIC AND CRITICAL MATERIALS
FISCAL YEAR 1954
(Revised April 22, 1954)

The authorized procurement for the following materials as shown in Table I (Planned Procurement of Strategic and Critical Materials, Fiscal Year 1954) of the Procurement Directive dated April 22, 1954, is hereby amended as follows:

Unit	Material	Procured 7/1/53 - 2/29/54	Procurement 3/1/54 - 6/30/54			Total Procurement F.Y. 1954
			Market Purchases	Purchases from Def. Prod. Act Inventories	Total	
S.T.	Asbestos, Amosite	500	850	-	850	1,350
	Feathers & Down	200,800	65,500 1/	-	65,500	266,300
S.T.	Lead	-	3,500	-	3,500	3,500
Lbs.	Nickel	11,598,220	1,518,985 2/	35,350,000	36,868,985	48,467,205
Lbs.	Silk	-	1,176,100	-	1,176,100	1,176,100 3/
S.T.	Zinc	15,518	5,000	9,315	14,315	29,863

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1/ Previously authorized by letter dated May 25, 1954.

2/ Authorization for open-market procurement of French nickel is reduced to the 659 Metric Tons previously authorized by letter dated March 4, 1954.

3/ Includes 133,000 lbs. of raw silk and 1,043,100 lbs. of silk waste and noils. This revision made previously by letter dated May 10, 1954.

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