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OFFICE OF DEFENSE MOBILIZATION
STOCKPILE PROCUREMENT DIRECTIVE (Revised)
FISCAL YEAR 1955

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Pursuant to Section 3 of the Strategic and Critical Materials Stockpiling 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 Table I. The program 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:
 - (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 BARTER PROCUREMENT AND PROCUREMENT 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 suggested for a 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.
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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. The kinds and quantities of materials shown in Table II are authorized for barter procurement toward long-term objectives in accordance with the policy stated in Paragraph 4, above. These quantities

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shall be purchased only from the Commodity Credit Corporation and 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.

6. 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.
7. Any reimbursement of the Commodity Credit Corporation by the General Services Administration for materials acquired for the long-term stockpile program and the supplemental stockpile shall be made only from funds appropriated for the purpose of such reimbursement.

C. PROVISIONS CONCERNING SPECIFIC MATERIALS:

1. Beryl - Includes 372 short tons of beryl ore in the form of 540,000 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 over the first six months of fiscal 1955 at an approximately even rate. The alloy shall be credited to the stockpile of beryl ore and refined copper in equivalent amounts.

2. 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 ferrochrome. This material is to be obtained by processing the required quantity of Government-owned sub-grade chrome ore.

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

3. Diamonds, Earth - To be procured only if obtainable without obligation to take industrial diamond stones.
4. Feathers and Down - Procurement shall be limited to materials of non-Chinese origin.

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5. 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.
6. Lead and Zinc - The quantities shown in the market purchase column of Table I are the cumulative amounts authorized previously for procurement during the first quarter of fiscal 1955. They include the purchase of 12,500 short tons of lead and 25,000 short tons of zinc during the month of September 1954 for delivery no later than November 15, 1954. 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 April 1, 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 April 1, 1954 and acquired by the supplier.
7. Manganese Ore, Battery Grade - Includes 4,000 tons of synthetic manganese dioxide and 15,000 tons of ore.
8. Manganese, Metallurgical - Procurement of the quantity authorized for market purchase is limited to material of domestic origin.
9. Rare Earths - The General Services Administration is authorized and directed to provide for the conversion to mischmetal of the approximately 65,000 pounds of stockpiled rare earth chlorides now in damaged containers.
10. Silk - Includes 365,000 pounds (gun weight) of raw silk and 1,000,000 pounds (beneficiated) of silk waste and noils. The raw silk will be procured in accordance with revised purchase instructions to be issued by the Office of Defense Mobilization.

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11. Talc. Steatite - May be procured in block or lump form. Procurement is limited to material produced in the southern part of India.
12. Tantalite - The quantity authorized for market purchase includes 70,000 pounds of contained tantalum in the form of tantalum columbium pentoxide and 100,000 pounds (metal content) to be extracted from columbite-tantalite concentrates held in the columbium stockpile inventory.
13. Tungsten - The General Services Administration is authorized and directed to provide for the beneficiation of stockpiled tungsten concentrates so as to produce 100,000 pounds of chrystaline tungsten carbide (94,000 pounds metal content).

This directive shall take effect on September 16, 1954.

/Signed/

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TABLE I

STOCKPILE PROCUREMENT PROGRAM

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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>MINIMUM PROGRAM</u>				
ST	Aluminum	117,000	489,485	606,485
ST	Asbestos, Amosite	1,125	-	1,125
ST	Asbestos, Chrysotile	3,600	451	4,051
LDT	Bauxite, Jamaica Type	500,000	-	500,000
ST	Beryl	4,000	337	4,337
LES	Castor Oil	-	9,000,000	9,000,000
LDT	Chromite, Metallurgical Gr.	64,940	36,831	101,771
LDT	Chromite, Refractory Gr.	112,230	-	112,230
LES	Cobalt (Metal Content)	-	2,440,000	2,440,000
ST	Copper	-	45,556	45,556
CT3	Diamonds, Industrial Crushing Bort.	1,625,550	-	1,625,550
LES	Feathers and Down, Waterfowl	3,000,000	-	3,000,000
SDT	Fluorspar, Metallurgical Gr.	75,000	-	75,000
LDT	Manganese Ore, Battery Gr.	19,000	-	19,000
LDT	Manganese Ore, Chemical Gr.	11,000	-	11,000
LES	Mica, Misc. Bl. Cd. St. & Bet.	150,000	107,640	257,640
LES	Mica, Misc. Bl. Stained and Bet. 1/	450,000	196,328	646,328
LES	Mica, Muscovite Film	360,000	-	360,000
LES	Molybdenum	-	37,840,000	37,840,000
LES	Nickel	2,500,000	88,330,000	90,830,000
LES	Opium (Morphine Content)	45,000	-	45,000
TrOz	Platinum, Platinum	43,000	-	43,000
LES	Selenium	60,000	-	60,000
LES	Silk	1,365,000	-	1,365,000
ST	Talc, Steatite Block	1,000	-	1,000
LES	Tantalite (Metal Content)	170,000	130,000	300,000
SDT	Rare Earths, Processing	(See Special Provision)	-	-
LES	Tungsten, Processing	(See Special Provision)	-	-

LONG-TERM PROGRAM

ST	Lead	32,500	108	32,608
LDT	Manganese Ore, Metallurgical Gr.	50,000	40,166	90,166
LT	Tin	-	40,268	40,268
ST	Zinc	65,000	8,535	73,535
LDT	Chromite, Met. Gr., Processing	(See Special Provision)	-	-

/ Revised designation for radio tube quality.

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TABLE II

QUANTITIES OF STOCKPILE MATERIALS AUTHORIZED FOR BARTER
PROCUREMENT TOWARD LONG-TERM OBJECTIVES AND SUGGESTED
FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL STOCKPILE PROGRAM

Fiscal Year 1955

<u>Material</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Authorized for</u> <u>Procurement toward</u> <u>Long-Term Objectives</u>	<u>Suggested for a</u> <u>Supplemental</u> <u>Stockpile</u>
Aluminum	ST	500,000	-
Antimony (Sb Content)	ST	-	50,000
Asbestos, Anosite	ST	10,000	-
Asbestos, Chrysotile	ST	7,500	-
Bauxite, Metal Grade			
Surinam type	LDT	5,000,000	-
Jamaica type	LDT	-	5,000,000
Bauxite, Refractory Grade	LDT	-	300,000
Beryl	ST	2,000	3,000
Bismuth	LBS	-	1,400,000
Cadmium	LBS	-	7,000,000
Chromite, Chemical	LDT	200,000	-
Chromite, Metallurgical	LDT	400,000	300,000
Chromite, Refractory	LDT	400,000	200,000
Cobalt (Metal Content)	LBS	-	15,000,000
Copper	ST	1,500,000	-
Diamonds, Indust. Sort.	CTS	25,000,000	-
Diamonds, Indust. Stones	CTS	5,000,000	-
Feathers and Down	LBS	-	10,000,000
Fluorspar, Acid Grade	LDT	-	250,000
Graphite, Amorphous Lump	ST	700	-
Graphite, Lubricant Flake	ST	2,000	-
Iodine	LBS	-	1,000,000
Lead	ST	-	500,000
Magnesium	ST	-	100,000
Manganese Ore, Battery Grade	LDT	-	35,000
Manganese Ore, Chemical Grade	LDT	20,000	18,000
Manganese Ore, Metallurgical Gr.	LDT	-	1,000,000 1/
Mercury	FL	-	30,000
Mica, Musc. Bl. Gd. St. & Etc.	LBS	5,000,000	-
Mica, Muscovite Film	LBS	1,000,000	-
Mica, Phlogopite Splittings	LBS	-	500,000
Nickel (Metal Content)	LBS	-	400,000,000
Opium (Morphine Content)	LBS	-	100,000

1/ Manganese ore or the equivalent quantity in the form of ferro-manganese.

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