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1. On 15 December 1950, the Ministry of Industry issued an order requiring every industrial enterprise to submit a special report showing all stocks of raw materials held by the plant in excess of its production requirements for ninety days, and all stocks of raw materials not needed by the plant for its production. On the basis of this special industry-wide report the State Reserve of raw materials needed by the Czech heavy industry was established.

2. The report was divided into two parts; Part I listed raw materials necessary for war production and was submitted to the Ministry of Industry and the Ministry of National Defense; Part II listed other raw materials not essential to war production and was submitted only to the Ministry of Industry. The raw materials of the State Reserve cannot be disposed of without specific permission of the Ministry of Industry in the case of items not essential to war industry, and both the Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of National Defense in the case of items necessary to war production.

3. A second report on such reserves was required of all industrial concerns at the end of the first quarter of 1951 and a new State Reserve was established on the basis of it.

4. All Czech foundries and iron and steelworks received a secret notice during the last week of March 1951 ordering them to report to the Ministry of Industry within three days all stocks of special steels containing cobalt and tungsten and all stocks of vidium and diadur. Effective the date of receipt of the inquiry such special steels and hard metals were not to be used in factory production without the consent of the Ministry of Industry and the Ministry of National Defense. Enterprise managers were made personnally responsible for the fulfillment of this order.

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