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REMARKS

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1. The attached chart shows a computation of the military manpower of the Soviet Zone of Germany. The figures are based on official statistics as of September 1947. The figures computed for 1 October 1949, therefore, are estimated only, but are likely to be very close to the actual figures. Effort will be made to produce new statistical data, particularly with regard to the percentage of the individual classes, so that the figures shown in the attached chart may thereafter be corrected in a detailed study, if requested.

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2. The computation adds up to estimate 2,764,000 men from 19 to 49 years of age and fit for military service in the Soviet Zone of Germany. In case of military conflict, however, the Soviets would have to defer from military service at least 40 percent of these men for maintenance of industry important to the war effort and for the traffic system of the Soviet Zone of Germany. The Soviets, therefore, could mobilize as auxiliary troops about 1.1 million males of military age, including the Soviet Zone police.

3. Remarks on items of the attached chart:

Item No. 1 Except for the Soviet Sector of BERLIN, figures are based on copied records of the "Administration of Labor and Social Welfare" of the German Economic Commission in the Soviet Zone of Germany (figures of the 29 October 1946 census kept up to date). The figures relative to the Soviet Sector of BERLIN are based on the census of 31 March 1946.

Item No. 2 Based on the same records as Item No. 1. The figure relative to the Soviet Sector of BERLIN was computed in accordance with the known percentages of the Laender; it was slightly raised because this census dates farther back.

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Item No. 3 The number of men as of 1 October 1949 was obtained by increasing the figures in Item No. 2 by 3 percent. The increase in the number of males (returning PWs, increase of births) between the census of 29 October 1946 and that of 30 September 1947 amounted to about 2.4 percent. The increase in the number of males between 30 September 1947 and 1 October 1949 was estimated at only 3 percent, since only a small number of PWs have been released since 30 September 1947 and the flow of Germans expelled from Poland has decreased.

Item No. 4 As there were no available records showing the strength of the individual age classes in the Soviet Zone of Germany, figures are based on the percentage of age classes in the US Zone of Germany (excerpted from the OIGUS publication "The Population of the US Zone of Germany", as of October 1946). The percentage of males 18- to 49-year-olds in population of the entire male population was estimated at 42 percent. The age group of 18 to 49-year-old males was chosen in accordance with the Soviet Military Service Law.

Item No. 5 a The total number of disabled persons of both sexes in the 14 to 65-year category was ascertained from records of the Administration of Labor and Social Welfare of the German Economic Commission, as of 30 September 1947. The number of 18 to 49-year-old disabled males was estimated at roughly 80 percent of the total.

Item No. 5 b The number of otherwise unfit persons was estimated at roughly 12 percent, since German war experiences proved this percentage to be the arithmetical mean between 6 percent for the 18-year-old and about 19 percent for the 49-year-old (exclusive of disabled).

Item No. 6 The figures constitute this project's estimate of the 18 to 49-year-old males physically fit for military service as of 1 October 1949 arrived at by subtracting those in item No. 5 from those in item No. 4.

1 Annex: German Manpower in the Soviet Zone of Germany.

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	Soviet Sector of BERLIN	Brandenburg	Mecklenburg
1. Population as of 30 Sep 47:	1,158,185 (census of 31 Mar 46)	2,599,654	2,117,310
2. Males as of 30 Sep 47 (% of total population):	498,000 (estimated at 43% of total population)	1,109,419 (42.7%)	893,718 (42.2%)
3. Males as of 1 Oct 49 (increase estimated at 3%):			
4. Estimated number of males 19-49 years old as of 1 Oct 1949 (estimated at 42%):	215,000	480,000	387,000
5. Estimated number of males 19-49 years old, unfit for military service, comprising:			
(a) Disabled veterans of WW I and II	(18,000)	(41,000)	(25,000)
(b) Others unfit for military service (estimated at an average of 12%):	(26,000)	(58,000)	(46,000)
6. Estimated number of males fit for military service, 19-49 years old, as of 1 Oct 1949 (% of male population):	171,000 (33.3%)	381,000 (33.3%)	296,000 (32.1%)

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