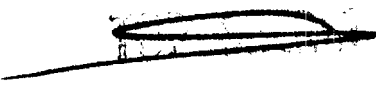


FOREWORD

1. This report is in fulfillment of the request of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, set forth in letter from Lt. General H. R. Harmon, USAF, to the Director of Central Intelligence, dated 10 February 1949.
2. The material presented in this report is a compilation of readily available data on the subject. Extensive research was not feasible in the allotted time. It is believed, however, that the material included herein will meet the general requirements of the request. If further information is required, it is suggested that requests be initiated for the specific information needed.
3. While certain information was obtained from the Department of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and State, this report has not been coordinated fully with the departmental intelligence organizations. Working level coordination has been obtained to the maximum extent possible in the limited time available. Complete coordination is currently being undertaken.
4. Production figures given in this study should be interpreted with caution. As given, they represent estimated current production. No



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consideration has been given to the numerous factors which would have significant effects on production, especially in case of war or if war becomes imminent. If conditions changed materially, the figures given in this study might be seriously misleading. Therefore it is recommended that any interpretation of these figures based on different assumptions be coordinated with Central Intelligence Agency.

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