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Dear Sir:

The Central Intelligence Agency desires to obtain statistical data concerning 1946 imports into the United States of certain materials, which data, it has been ascertained, is in the possession of the Bureau of the Census. A previous request for the same statistics addressed to your Bureau by the Department of the Navy elicited the reply that the data concerned could be furnished provided funds amounting to \$1,040.57 were made available to the Census Bureau. This Agency has subsequently determined that it has a common interest in this data with the Department of the Navy and, therefore, is prepared to make available to the Bureau of the Census funds in the above amount for the production of the required material.

The information desired includes the following, with reference to the below list of commodities:

Amount of each material brought to the U.S., by gross weight in pounds, broken down by three tonnage classes of vessels (less than 5,000 DWT, 5,000 to 10,000 DWT, and over 10,000 DWT), and broken down also by ocean routes traversed. For example:

CHROME ORE

Route: Caribbean to Atlantic Coast U.S.				
Less than 5,000 DWT	14 voyages	Gross Wgt.	102,038,591	Lbs.
5,000 - 10,000 "	1 "	" "	6,696,693	"
Over 10,000 "	None	None		
Baltic Scandinavian Iceland and Greenland to Atlantic Coast U.S.				
Over 10,000 DWT	3 voyages	Gross Wgt.	31,076,800	Lbs.
Etc.				
Total Imports 1946				139,812,084 Lbs.

Also, the country of origin of the commodity, where shown in customs records, the port where the voyage originated (or country, if the port is not known), and either the United States port of entry or at least the area of entry, such as Atlantic, Pacific, Gulf, etc.

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LIST OF MATERIALS

Antimony	Fibers, veg. (Manila, Sisal)
Bauxite	Lead, metal and ore
Chrome, metal and ore	Manganese
Cobalt, metal and ore	Oils, veg. (Palm, Coconut, Olive, Tung, Linseed, Rapeseed)
Coffee	Pepper
Copper	Quinine Bark
Petroleum, crude	Sugar (cane)
Rubber, crude (Natural and synthetic)	Tin, semi-manufactures (bars, blocks, Tungsten pigs, etc.) and ore
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Zinc, metal and ore	

STAT It is requested that the Bureau of the Census undertake to provide the Central Intelligence Agency with the above desired data, funds therefore in the amount of being provided by this Agency. In this connection it will be appreciated if the undersigned be advised as to the date when receipt of the material concerned might be expected by this Agency.

In transmitting the above requested data, please attach thereto the enclosed Information Dispatch Slips.

Your cooperation in this matter is very much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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