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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE CHAIRMAN, MUNITIONS BOARD

SUBJECT: Intelligence Support of the Munitions Board

1. I am in receipt of your letter of 23 October 1950 which requests this Agency to arrange for certain intelligence support required by the Munitions Board. It is the responsibility of CIA to serve you in this respect.

2. In response to a directive of the National Security Council, we are, as you know, engaged in a thorough study of the requirements of the Government for the production of economic intelligence, together with an assessment of the existing machinery for meeting these requirements. After the completion of this study, we shall prepare a comprehensive plan for a coordinated interagency effort in the production of economic intelligence, based on a definite allocation of responsibilities among the agencies concerned. With the implementation of the plan your requirements will be automatically fulfilled, but this complete solution must be undertaken as a long-term project, hence it cannot become fully operative for a considerable time.

3. In the interim, there are a number of ways through which CIA can arrange to give you at least a partial service. With this thought in mind, I am issuing appropriate instructions within the Agency. It would facilitate this action if you would provide us with an advance copy of the list of key facilities to be published on or about 30 December 1950. Furthermore, we should appreciate your informing us of the next following date when you will be required to publish such a list.

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