

Executive Director.

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Legislative Liaison Officer.

Request from Joint Committee on Foreign Economic Cooperation.

1. Dr. Fussell, of the staff of the Joint Committee on Foreign Economic Cooperation, would appreciate our furnishing to the Committee certain information regarding strategic material resources. This material need not be of a highly classified nature, nor in any way complete, as she merely desires a few examples.

2. The Committee wishes examples of strategic material resources outside the United States which are known about but not developed.

3. The Committee report will take the line that there is a necessity of increasing the development and production of these resources instead of relying on spot purchases of presently available materials. Most Governmental departments contend that they have no long-term contractual authority which will permit this, and therefore such funds as ECA has must be used for spot purchases rather than development.

4. The examples which Dr. Fussell desires include such undeveloped resources as the manganese deposits in the Amazon area.

5. I have told her that if this information is furnished, it will be on the basis of information for the Committee and not for general publication.

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