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PPROMOTE, then, as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge. In proportion as the structure of a government gives force to public opinion, it is essential that public opinion should be enlightened.

GEORGE WASHINGTON

in his

Farewell Address.

FOREWORD

The *United States Government Manual* is published three times annually—October, February, and July. The *Manual* results from the need for integrated, authoritative information on the organization and functions of the departments and agencies of the Federal Government. It is designed as a reference book to provide source material that will answer questions concerning the authority for and the organization and procedure of the Federal agencies and institutions. Each section has been approved by the head of the department or agency concerned.

The changes in governmental organization in conformity with Reorganization Plans I and II were first presented in the October 1939 edition of the *Manual*. The present edition incorporates organizational changes made by Reorganization Plans III and IV, effective June 30, 1940, and Reorganization Plan V, effective June 14, 1940.

In response to many requests, a list of several hundred useful Government publications has been added to the contents of the book. This list has been included as Appendix B.

Also new to the *Manual* with this issue is a section on the operations of the Federal departments and agencies as they relate to the National Defense Program. Subsequent issues will reflect changes in this relationship and include additions as the Program develops.

LOWELL MELLETT, *Director,*
Office of Government Reports.

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