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FOREWORD

The *United States Government Manual* is a reference book of integrated, authoritative information on the organization and functions of the departments and agencies of the Federal Government. It provides source material on 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.

To allow opportunity for an over-all view of the offices and functions relating to the national defense, information on the development of this phase of Federal activity is concentrated under the heading "National Defense Program." In addition to the operations of the Federal departments and agencies as they relate to this program, the section describes the organization and activities of such units as the Office for Emergency Management, the Office of Production Management, the Division of Defense Housing Coordination, the Council of National Defense, the Defense Communications Board, the Office for Coordination of Commercial and Cultural Relations Between the American Republics, and the Selective Service System.

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PROMOTE, 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.

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