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DEVELOPMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND PROCUREMENT PROGRAMMES

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Generally speaking, orders for those items of military equipment for the Danish forces which can be produced in Denmark have been placed or are in the process of being placed in such amounts that the requirements of the forces for these items will be covered as they arise, though some delay may occur with respect to certain items due to shortages of special machinery and raw materials.

It is however common knowledge that only relatively few items of equipment can be produced in Denmark and that we are heavily dependent on supplies from abroad.

Our adverse balance of payments has made it difficult to use very large amounts for the purchase of foreign equipment, and we have had to rely extensively on deliveries under the MDAP. The equipment which we receive under the MDAP combined with our own production and the foreign purchases which we ourselves finance should however broadly speaking cover our own requirements.

With regard to the possibilities of increasing defence production in Denmark for deliveries to other NAT countries, I would like to refer to the information supplied to the TCC. Certain possibilities exist, for instance in the field of shipbuilding, electronics, spare parts, etc. The main questions to be solved are those of providing raw materials and finance.

Denmark is greatly interested in receiving American off shore orders and the possibilities for this are being actively explored.

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