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## 33\*. ANNEX TO THE COMMUNICATION FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

*Note by the Secretary-General:*

At the request of the Government of the United States of America, the Secretary-General has the honour to circulate to the Governments invited to the Disarmament Conference a note from the State Department in Washington, dated October 27th, 1931, giving supplementary information and corrections for the tables regarding expenditure for the armed forces of the United States of America for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1930.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

The Secretary of State of the United States of America has the honour to refer to his note of June 5th, 1931, to the Secretary-General of the League of Nations, with which he forwarded *inter alia* detailed tables covering information regarding expenditure for the armed forces of the United States for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1930, in accordance with the recommendations of Chapter 4 of the Report of the Committee of Budgetary Experts.

As these recommendations were found to present difficulties of application to the American system of budgetary accounting, a careful recheck of the items was made by the competent Departments of this Government, as a result of which certain errors were revealed, which it is desired to correct forthwith. These were found in Tables B and D, entitled "Expenditures for Land Forces" and "Expenditure for Air Forces", respectively, corrected copies of which are transmitted herewith. These errors resulted from the inclusion of certain items of contributions, which it is felt do not properly belong in the tables previously submitted, as well as of one item which by a clerical error was listed twice.

In addition to correcting these errors of fact, the Secretary of State desires to offer certain explanations of the items appearing in the annexed tables to the budgetary figures—explanations which appear necessary because of certain misinterpretations which have appeared in the public Press. In compiling the items in question, effort was made to follow the spirit of the model tables rather than their exact phraseology. If Tables C and D had been headed respectively "Obligations under Appropriations already made and outstanding on June 30th, 1930" and "Additional Obligations incurred under Special Authorisation of Congress and for which no Appropriation has been made", they would have more accurately described the figures inserted than the phraseology prepared by the Committee of Experts on Budgetary Questions, whose headings to the model tables were adopted throughout.

\* This figure indicates that thirty-three documents in regard to the position of the armaments in the different countries have already been published.

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More specifically, in Table C, the figure of 86,398,108 dollars represents obligations incurred in respect to which no goods were delivered or services rendered and therefore no payments made, although appropriations were available for such payments if goods had been delivered or services had been rendered. In the case of Table D, the figure 94,688,569 dollars represents obligations incurred under special authorisation of Congress, but for which no appropriations had been made, no goods delivered, and no services rendered, and therefore no payments were made. Thus the figures in Tables C and D, not representing expenditures for the fiscal year 1930, are not additive to the grand total of expenditures for that year. The two figures referred to above are merely obligations entered into for future delivery of goods or future rendering of services, the payment for which will be included in the expenditures for future fiscal years, if and when such goods are received or services are rendered.

The Secretary of State would appreciate it if the Secretary-General were to bring this communication to the attention of other interested Governments.

Department of State, Washington.

October 27th, 1931.

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Table B.

Sub-head	CATEGORY OF EXPENDITURE	LAND FORCES <sup>1</sup>				TOTAL
		Armed forces stationed in the home country (optional)	Armed forces stationed overseas (optional)	Formations organised on a military basis stationed in the home country (optional)	Formations organised on a military basis stationed overseas (optional)	
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	
	<i>Head I. — Effectives.</i>					Dollars
A	Personnel normally forming part of formations and services:					
	Pay and allowances of all kinds: Officers . . .					63,684,726
B	<i>Ditto</i> : N.C.O.s and men . . .					68,509,990
C	<i>Ditto</i> : Civilian personnel.					17,797,127
	Personnel not normally forming part of formations and services:					
D	Persons undergoing preparatory military training, reservists and reserve organisations . . .					20,502,289
E	Maintenance of personnel referred to in subheads A to D . . . . .					44,205,838
	<i>Head II. — Transport.</i>					
F	Horses and other animals, forage, harness and shoeing . . . . .					6,153,812
G	Coal, fuel, oil, petrol, lubricants, etc., and other transport expenses . . . . .					19,201,371
	<i>Total: Heads I and II. . .</i>					240,055,153
	<i>Head III. — Buildings.</i>					
H	Construction of new fortifications and defence works . . . . .					437,725
K	Barracks, other buildings, upkeep, furniture . . . . .					31,634,049
	<i>Total: Heads I to III . . .</i>					272,126,927
	<i>Head IV. — War Material.</i>					
M	Arms, ammunition and fighting material . . . . .					43,861,270
M(a)	Engineer and other warlike stores . . . . .					8,957,166
N	Manufacture of war material in "non-autonomous" State establishments (expenditure not divisible between subheads M and M(a)) . . . . .					—
	<i>Total: Heads III and IV. . .</i>					84,890,210
	<b>GRAND TOTAL, LAND FORCES . . . . .</b>					<b>324,945,363</b>

Fiscal year ended June 30th, 1930.

<sup>1</sup> The air components are an integral part of the United States army and are included in these figures.

Table D.

Sub-head	CATEGORY OF EXPENDITURE	AIR FORCES <sup>1</sup>				TOTAL
		Armed forces stationed in the home country (optional)	Armed forces stationed overseas (optional)	Formations organised on a military basis stationed in the home country (optional)	Formations organised on a military basis stationed overseas (optional)	
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	
	<i>Head I. — Effectives.</i>					Dollars
	Personnel normally forming part of formations and services :					
A	Pay and allowances of all kinds : Officers . . .					10,732,556
B	<i>Ditto</i> : N.C.O.s and men . .					13,558,642
C	<i>Ditto</i> : Civilian personnel.					6,361,088
	Personnel not normally forming part of formations and services :					
D	Persons undergoing preparatory military training, reservists and reserve organisations . . .					702,538
E	Maintenance of personnel referred to in subheads A to D . . . . .					6,726,155
	<i>Head II. — Transport.</i>					
G	Coal, fuel, oil, petrol, lubricants, etc., and other transport expenses . . . .					6,619,367
	<i>Head III. — Buildings.</i>					
K	Barracks, other buildings, upkeep, furniture . . . .					6,061,976
	<i>Total : Heads I to III . . .</i>					50,742,322
	<i>Head IV. — War Material.</i>					
M	Arms, ammunition and fighting material . . . . .					58,324,173
	<i>Total : Head IV . . . . .</i>					58,324,173
	GRAND TOTAL . . . . .					109,066,495

Fiscal year ended June 30th, 1930.

<sup>1</sup> These figures are not additional to but are included in Tables B and C (see footnotes to those tables)