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Mr. Julius H. Amberg,
Special Assistant to the
Secretary of War,
Room 3-E-739,
Pentagon Building,
Washington-25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Amberg:

When Senator Ferguson and I were inspecting
Rossford Ordnance Depot near Toledo, we were informed
that it had been operated by the International Harvester
Company since the first of September 1943. We were also
informed that many other Ordnance Depots were being operat-
ed by private contractors.

The Committee would appreciate being informed
as to the extent of this practice, the contractual basis
upon which it is handled, the reasons for discontinuing
Army operation and an appraisal of the efficiency and
relative performance under private contract as compared
with the Army's own operation.

Very truly yours,

George Meader
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