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To the Members of the Military  
and Government Petroleum Requirements Committee:

Gentlemen:

Representatives of the Armed Services have requested your Acting Chairman to acquaint the Committee and Industry with the progress made to date in achieving the immediate goal of 100% coverage of Military requirements for the period July 1st to December 31, 1948. This is shown on the attached statement.

With respect to requirements, our last report as of July 15th stated that requirements of 100/130 grade aviation gasoline had increased by 660,000 barrels. This has been revised to an increase of 1,400,000 barrels. A possible still further increase of 500,000 barrels is under development and may be certified to A.S.P.B. in the near future. Other requirements are unchanged.

The Armed Services have stated that in view of the world situation nothing less than 100% coverage of Military requirements would be acceptable and that failing prompt assurance of coverage by Industry, recourse to Section 18 of the Draft Act would become necessary. In view of this situation a representative of A.S.P.B. spent several days making personal contacts with oil companies to explain the urgency of the situation and in an effort to obtain full coverage. The result of these efforts are reflected in the new offers received during the period July 17-23. A.S.P.B. representatives consider that this response has been very gratifying and are hopeful that it is an indication that offers will continue to the point of the full coverage which must be secured within the next few days.

It will be noted that the principal shortage products are 100/130 aviation - where 537,000 barrels are still needed (plus another 500,000 barrels assuming confirmation of the expected further increase), and motor gasoline - where the deficiency is 1,609,000 barrels.

Very truly yours,

H. W. PAGE

Acting Chairman  
Military and Government Requirements  
Committee

Attachment

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MILITARY PETROLEUM REQUIREMENTS AND COVERAGE

(As of July 23, 1948)

U.S. and Caribbean (excludes Persian Gulf) July-December 1948

(Thous. Bbls. 42s)

	<u>-Aviation-</u>		<u>Motor</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Navy Spec.</u>
	<u>115/145</u>	<u>100/130</u>	<u>Gasoline</u>	<u>Diesels</u>	<u>Fuel Oil</u>
Requirements as of July 1	3,245	7,215	6,090	4,717	8,706
Increase in Requirements	-	1,400*	-	-	-
Requirements as of July 23	3,245	8,615	6,090	4,717	8,706
Coverage as of July 17	2,892	6,510	3,071	3,885	7,162
Long/(Short) as of July 17	(353)	(2,105)	(3,019)	(832)	(1,544)
New Offers July 17-23	260	1,568	1,410	460	1,905
Long/(Short) as of July 23	(93)	(537)*	(1,609)	(372)	361

\* The requirement for 100/130 is expected to increase by an additional 500,000 barrels which would make the deficit 1,037,000 barrels.