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FOREWORD

Panic patriotism appears from time to time when the clouds of possible trouble loom up heavier than usual. There is much discussion, some feverish activity, but little accomplishment.

Adequate national preparedness on sound lines will be secured only when there is a general appreciation of its vital importance for defense and of the further fact that it can not be improvised or done in a hurry. It includes both moral and material organization.

Military preparedness, which includes preparation on land and sea, should go hand and hand with a nation's policy. Our policy is not one of aggression, but one which looks only

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to a secure defense. Consequently, the arrangements for our military establishment should be limited to the needs of a secure and certain national defense against any force which may be brought against us.

A brief review of our past military policy, its shortcomings and cost, may aid in establishing an appreciation of our needs.

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