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(b) A statement of the chief deficiencies that would be found to exist if war broke out say within three months, and

(c) A statement of which of these requirements could be procured in a short period and from what sources.

It is impossible to make any definite forecast of the future, but the most probable political forecast and the one therefore which should guide our military preparations, is that the most critical period will be the months immediately ahead when the Spanish and general Mediterranean situation is being liquidated and Eastern Europe is readjusting itself after the Austrian and Czech upset. If in 1939 a solution is found or a balance of power worked out, there is strong ground for anticipating a less critical situation in say 1940 or 1942.

The documents referred to do not contain adequate information on the points mentioned in the second paragraph above. The only reference to immediate requirements deals with military needs. No note on immediate naval or air needs is included.

As regards the immediate military requirements set forth in the memorandum of the Chief of Staff, Section 4, and in Appendix (b), the following points may be noted:

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