February 5, 1955

Honorable F. H. Higgins
Assistant Secretary of the Army
Department of the Army
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Secretary Higgins:

Your letter of February 2 is received. I appreciate very much the fact that you have directed that a study be made of the proposal suggested in my letter of January 27 last.

From his experience in the Quartermaster General's office in World War II Secretary Stevens knows full well the importance of stockpiling goods.

As you well know, it takes several months to process the raw wool into finished goods, but only a relatively short time to manufacture the finished goods into Army and Navy clothing, blankets, etc. Because of the change in the color of the uniform, it seems to me that this would be an ideal time to buy the raw product which could be safely and properly made into fabrics and stockpiled for future use.

Several of my colleagues and myself would appreciate it very much if you would withhold a decision after you have completed your study, so that we could confer with you and present additional facts for your consideration.

With very best wishes, I am

Yours truly,

Frank A. Barrett, USS

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