

Introduction

In compliance with the Merchant Marine Act of 1936, as amended, 1/ the Office of Ship Construction conducts an annual survey to obtain information from the shipbuilding and ship repair industry to be used primarily to determine if an adequate mobilization base exists for national defense and for use in a national emergency. This report on the 1982 survey of U.S. shipyard facilities was prepared by the Division of Production, Office of Ship Construction, and is for general use within the Maritime Administration (MARAD) and other Government agencies.

1/ Section 210

"It shall be the duty of the Secretary of Transportation to make a survey of the American merchant marine, as it now exists, to determine what additions and replacements are required to carry forward the national policy declared in Section 101 of the Act, and the Secretary of Transportation is directed to study, perfect, and adopt a long-range program for replacements and additions to the American merchant marine so that as soon as practicable the following objectives may be accomplished: . . . Fourth, the creation and maintenance of efficient shipyards and repair capacity in the United States with adequate numbers of skilled personnel to provide an adequate mobilization base."

Section 211

"The Secretary of Transportation is authorized and directed to investigate, determine, and keep current records of . . . (g) The number, location, and efficiency of the shipyards existing on the date of enhancement of this Act or thereafter built in the United States."

Section 502(f)

"The Secretary of Transportation with the advice of and in coordination with the Secretary of the Navy, shall, at least once each year, as required for purposes of the Act, survey the existing privately owned shipyards capable of merchant ship construction, or review available data on such shipyards if deemed adequate, to determine whether their capabilities for merchant ship construction, including facilities and skilled personnel, provide an adequate mobilization base at strategic points for purposes of national defense and national emergency."