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Copies of the document are available upon request from the Cataloging Distribution Service, Library of Congress, Building 159, Navy Yard Annex, Washington D.C. 20541 (212/426-6171). An introductory statement, further explaining the document, will appear in a forthcoming issue of the LCIB.

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