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Suggested Remarks of Colonel R. B. Ferguson

In introducing Dr. J. F. Unger,

May 24th, 10:00 A.M.

Gentlemen:

We are especially fortunate through the good offices of Mr. E. D. Tanner in having Dr. J. F. Unger address us to-day on the subject of "Steel". I wish to thank Mr. Tanner for his helpful cooperation with our Steel Committee and for the additional opportunity now afforded all of us to gain a better understanding of the production and metallurgy of the most useful of metals in peace and in war.

Our idea of the importance of steel in our procurement planning may be judged from the fact that Mr. Tanner allocated almost 17,000,000 tons of Government requirements during the post-war then production over the <sup>period</sup> ~~war~~ LP, CO, WO tons. Present estimates for Army, Navy, and other governmental needs are around 10,000,000 tons the first year of a major emergency.

While we may easily grasp the importance of steel in our studies, it is doubtful whether we appreciate the full significance of the present association. Among the thousands of men who have made the study of steel metallurgy their life work, Dr. Unger has attained the enviable and well-earited position of an international authority. Few colleagues in this country are so fortunate as to be in immediate contact with the sound advice and serious counsel of such accomplished and outstanding industrialists. I take this occasion, therefore, of assuring Dr. Unger that realizing how prominently he has been identified with metallurgical investigations we are confident that his present paper will be a valuable and permanent contribution to the cause of National Defense.

It gives me great pleasure to introduce Dr. J. F. Unger, Manager, Control Research Bureau, Carnegie Steel Co.