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To supply all radio licensees and government war agencies with complete information, the Federal Communications Commission asked today that each licensee advise the Commission of the amount and condition of all surplus equipment. A questionnaire requires such description as to the size, power, frequency range emission, scale, etc., and a statement as to whether the item is new or used. If used the licensee is asked to classify it under (1) good serviceable condition, (2) requires minor repairs, (3) requires major repairs.

The Commission anticipates that the equipment program will permit many broadcast stations to continue operation which would otherwise be forced to remain silent for at least temporary periods. The plan will also, it is said, lessen pressure on manufacturing facilities now urgently needed for military equipment and as a by-product permit stations to dispose of equipment which is useless to them but may be utilized by others.

"Selling prices should not be quoted", the notice states. "It is understood that the listing of the information sought does not necessarily constitute an offer to sell. This is merely a means of making the information available to interested parties."

Licensees are asked to refrain from listing any equipment which cannot be repaired. Neither should transmitters which are presently licensed or which are registered under Order No. 99 be listed or normal spares to licensed equipment. All other equipment should be. When material listed is no longer available or when additional equipment becomes available, the Commission asks that it be so advised.

When the survey has been completed by the Surplus Equipment Section of the Engineering Department of the Commission, the information will be analyzed, catalogued and distributed as a federal publication.