Controls over Development of Germany Economy

A long range program should be put into effect for the purpose of controlling the strategic elements in the German economy for a prolonged period, at least 20 years, The elements which should be controlled are:

1. German foreign assets, including patents and copyrights.

2. German foreign trade.

3. Clearing and trade agreements with foreign countries.

4. Capital imports and capital exports.

5. Industries producing strategic materials other than those for which special provision has been made.

6. The German commercial and fishing fleet.

7. Inland navigation, e.g., canals and rivers.

It is essential that the foregoing strategic elements in the German economy be controlled lest through their use, the Germans once again proceed to build up various aspects of their industrial and economic structure for future militaristic and aggressive purposes. Germany has been the leader in the world in using customs tariffs, trade preferences, foreign exchange control, control over transit trade, import quotas, international cartels, patents and copyrights for discriminatory and unfair trade advantages against her neighbors. It has been the focal point for many of the festering sores and competitive trade wars throughout the 1920's and 30's.