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The present population of Birmingham is consuming food at the rate of 8,700 tons a year, on the basis of average per capita use determined by studies.

The amount of water it uses, for drinking purposes alone, comes to 4,700,000 gallons a year. In addition, many times that amount is required for washing, laundering, and for industrial and other needs.

The energy demands in the city, based on average consumption, are large. Lumping together all types of energy, whether obtained from gasoline, coal, electricity, oil or gas, we find the annual local use is the equivalent of 180,000 of coal energy.

Other material resources are also being consumed at a high rate. Among them are steel, 1,500 pounds per person annually, copper, 23

pounds per person, lead, 16 pounds, tin, 1.2 pounds, cement, 520 pounds, and aluminum 18 pounds.

The reports show concern over the rate at which our natural and material resources are being depleted. Looking ahead to a time when the world population will be several times larger, the investigators ask: Where will the raw materials come from? How will people get enough food and energy?

They conclude that there is no important limitation if the proper brain power is available. As to

food, each year plants on land and in the water yield enough for 500 times the present world population. Use could be made of these.

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