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The Chairman: Gentlemen, it is after 11 o'clock so perhaps we could get started. Before hearing from the witness who is with us this morning, perhaps I should make a brief report with regard to a meeting of the steering committee (See Minutes of Proceedings).

Mr. Winch: I move the adoption of the report of the steering committee.

The Chairman: Is it agreed that we adopt the report of the steering committee?

Motion agreed to.

The Chairman: May I have someone move the following formal resolution that reasonable travelling and living allowances be paid to Professors J. Warnock, A. Legault and S. Clarkson, who have been invited to appear as witnesses before this Committee in the matter of the Committee's order of reference dated Thursday, January 16, 1969.

Mr. Gibson: I so move.

Motion agreed to.

The Chairman: A summary of Mr. Golden's remarks has, I believe, been circulated to members of the Committee. Is it agreed that this should be printed as an appendix to our proceedings?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

The Chairman: Gentlemen, today the Committee begins its specific examination of defence relations with the United States, the third area of investigation, as outlined in our program. Our first witness will be Mr. David Golden whose written statement "Canadian Defence Policy and the United States" has already been circulated.

A lawyer by training, Mr. Golden's past experience has included appointments as Deputy Minister of Defence Production; President of Northern Ontario Pipeline Corporation and Deputy Minister of Industry. He is now President of the Air Industries Association of Canada; Chairman of the

Board of Governors of Carleton University and a Director of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited. This experience has given him a broad view of Canadian-U.S. economic relations as well as a comprehensive knowledge of technical details about defence and defence production sharing arrangements with the United States and their ramifications. It is because of this broad and very relevant experience that he has been invited to appear as a witness before the Committee at this particular stage in our deliberations.

Mr. Golden, do you have a few preliminary remarks to make?

Mr. David Golden (President, Air Industries Association of Canada): Yes Mr. Chairman, there are just a very few comments I would like to make. Firstly, although it hardly needs to be said to those of the members of the Committee who know me, I do think it should appear on the record that I am not an expert and I would not like it to be thought that I am posing as an expert.

Secondly, I should like to make it perfectly clear that I am speaking only for myself and expressing personal opinions which I formed over a period of years.

If I had to summarize my views on this subject in a very few words I think it would go something like this. U.S.-Canadian relations in defence and in other areas are of paramount importance to Canada and should receive the attention that they deserve. Defence policy cannot be looked at in isolation but must be related to many other factors as well. If resources permitted everything to be done which was desirable or useful, then no painful priorities would be needed, but since this state of affairs is highly unlikely, then Canada's main interest should receive priority attention.

I do not believe that economic considerations should dictate our defence and foreign policy but I do believe that the economic consequences of the various options which are open to Canada should be well understood.

That is all I want to add to my notes, Mr. Chairman.