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reserved. In fact it seems that this Board can be regarded as being an agency of the United States and United Kingdom Governments charged with functions of direct concern only to those countries. If the Board develops its activities beyond these limits, Canada will have a better claim than any other country to be a member of it.

Mr. Donald Nelson has suggested that a new Canadian-United States body might be created to parallel the work of this Board, especially in order to ensure that Canada is consulted at an early stage in production planning. A two-man Board composed of Mr. Donald Nelson and the Minister of Munitions and Supply would be a useful supplement to the existing agencies. Although the functions intended for such a Board would seem to fall within the scope of the Joint War Production Committee, that body is in fact too large to maintain the sort of contact required; its main task has been to co-ordinate through its technical sub-committees the production programs of the different war industries of Canada and the United States. Should Mr. Nelson's idea be adopted, some changes will become necessary in the terms of reference of the Joint War Production Committee, or alternatively that body might be merged in the new two-man Board.

(f) The Combined Food Board.

The High Commissioner in London and the Canadian Minister in Washington were instructed on July 13th to present identical requests to the United