

Staff here that machinery would be set up in Washington and London to ensure maximum degree of efficiency and co-operation in prosecution of common war effort; that co-ordination in Washington would take following general form

- (a) Small war council to make decisions in respect of war policy;
- (b) Joint service planning committee;
- (c) Joint service allocation (material supply) committee;
- (d) Joint supply committee, covering wide field of raw materials, production and transportation.

Macready rather assumed that Canada would not be separately represented on the Planning Committee but that Canadian representatives would be part of British Commonwealth delegation which would act vis-à-vis the United States. It was not clear whether Canada would have a separate independent representation on the other committees or form part of British Commonwealth representation. Naturally we see difficulties in any form of representation which would not take Canadian interests fully into consideration and would not provide for a Canadian representative with full rights of participation at discussions where Canada was directly concerned. Without, however, bringing up the question of our attitude toward these matters at the present time, it would be most useful if you could ascertain whether Macready was expressing an official British viewpoint when he was in Ottawa; whether discussions have been taking place between the United States and the United Kingdom on this matter and, if so, what stage those discussions have reached. It would seem that if the matter had developed as far as Macready indicated we should have been consulted before this. Certainly sending him to Ottawa to talk informally to our Chiefs of Staff would hardly be considered adequate consultation. It would also be interesting to know if the Australian Minister had any information on these matters and whether the Australian Government had expressed any viewpoint concerning them.

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*Mémorandum du sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures  
au Premier ministre*

*Memorandum from Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs  
to Prime Minister*

[Ottawa], January 17, 1942

RE SIR JOHN DILL'S VISIT

Wrong has just reported a conversation he had with Dill this morning about the arrangements for coordinating the general war effort which have developed out of the Roosevelt-Churchill and parallel Joint Staff conversations of the past three weeks. Dill confirmed, in general, the accuracy of the information which our Chiefs of Staff had obtained from General Sir N. Macready, and which Mr. Ralston had reported to the War Cabinet (vide para. 9 of the Minutes of January 14th<sup>†</sup> and our telegram to the Canadian Minister at Washington No. 30 of the same day). He stressed, however, the importance attached to the fact that the organizations to be set up in Washington would have their exact counterpart in