

son Officer to whom Dominion Governments' representatives in London could turn when they wish to know how to obtain advice or to ensure that they are consulted on any particular question.

Similar message communicated to Sir Earle Page for Commonwealth Government.

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*Mémoire du sous-secrétaire d'État adjoint aux Affaires extérieures*⁸

*Memorandum by Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs*⁸

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SUMMARY OF MEMORANDUM ON CANADA AND COMBINED U.S.-U.K. BOARDS

(a) PLANNING AND MUNITIONS ASSIGNMENTS BOARDS.

These are both "Service" in character, with three British and three American members.

Four alternative forms of Canadian association with their work are

- (a) Full and complete representation.
- (b) Representation by participation as members of a "U. K.-Canada" or "Commonwealth" Joint Staff, which would have Canadian as well as United Kingdom members.
- (c) Remaining outside the Combined Boards but providing special Canadian Liaison machinery with them in Washington and London.
- (d) A combination of (b) and (c), e.g. Canadian officers attached to the British Joint Staff, but senior Canadian service representation outside that Staff, to whom the Canadian members could report and who would at the same time act as liaison between the Combined Boards and Ottawa.

One officer representing the Chiefs of Staff or the Minister of National Defence could fill this position. He should have both the ability and the rank to command the respect of the top U.K. and U.S. Service people.

(b) RAW MATERIALS BOARD.

This is civilian in character.

Canada's association to it would be through U.S.-Canadian machinery already in existence. In other words, it would become a U.K.-North American Board as the Assignments Board might become U.S.-Commonwealth.

⁸ L. B. Pearson. Ce mémorandum fut adressé au Premier ministre mais il n'y a aucune indication qu'il l'a vu et aucune copie ne fut trouvée dans ses documents. On trouve une version antérieure datée du 28 janvier dans le volume 352 des documents du Premier ministre mais elle n'est pas signée de ses initiales.

⁸ L. B. Pearson. This memorandum was addressed to the Prime Minister but there is no indication that he saw it and no copy was located in his Papers. An earlier version, dated January 28, 1942, is in Volume 352 of the King Papers but was not initialled by the Prime Minister.