

satisfactorily serve the purpose for which the letter requested by the Combined Chiefs of Staff had been intended. As indicated to you in our telephone conversation this morning the United Kingdom Embassy and the State Department agree that this will provide a suitable occasion for the issuance of the warning desired by SHAEF. You will doubtless wish to advise our representatives at this meeting.

The following is the text of the telegram which the United Kingdom Embassy has addressed to the Foreign Office on the subject, Begins:

“We have discussed with the State Department the question of a statement to be made to the Allied Governments on the lines proposed in this letter from the Combined Chiefs of Staff. We suggested that the meeting to be held with the Allied Food Ministers in London on June 14th might provide a suitable occasion for the issuance of the warning desired by SHAEF, which we suggest might take the form of a statement on the lines of the first three paragraphs and the first sentence of the fourth paragraph of the letter from the Combined Chiefs of Staff. The State Department agree and will so inform Mr. Fitzpatrick, who is to represent the United States Government at these discussions. The Canadian Embassy also consider that the meeting in London could suitably be used for this purpose.

We propose to arrange a meeting with the State Department and the Canadian Embassy at which we would seek to agree [on] reply to be sent by the three Governments to the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

Subject to your concurrence we would suggest that the reply which might be made would inform the Chiefs of Staff of the meeting shortly to be held in London and of the agenda proposed for this meeting. It would go on to state that the supplying Governments were themselves doing everything possible to maintain the flow of supplies to the Allied Governments and would emphasize the importance which the three Governments attach to an early statement by SHAEF to the Governments concerned of the supplies which they can expect to receive from him in the course of the next three months.

Please telegraph urgently whether you concur

- (a) In the suggestion that the meeting to be held in London can appropriately be used to give the Allied Governments the statement requested by the C.C.S.;
- (b) That such a statement might be as suggested in paragraph 2 above,
- (c) In the reply suggested in paragraph 4 above to the Chiefs of Staff.” Ends.