

To aid in meeting the situation, we might be asked, "Well, why should we, if you are not doing all you can? Are you doing ever thing you can under existing conditions to protect yourself?"

ADMIRAL BILLARD: May I say in a vancing these suggestions I did not intend to couch them as suggestions as to what the Canadian Government should do, but as to what the two Governments should do working both ways. Now, replying to your question I think I might say this, that the United States Government on the high seas and on the Great Lakes is doing everything to stop smuggling that it is humanly possible or reasonable to do. In saying that I can only speak for the Coast Guard. The United States has greatly increased the Coast Guard, has supplied a very considerable number of patrol boats, has turned over 25 ex-navy destroyers, has increased the personnel, and the last three years the Coast Guard has striven earnestly, actively, at all seasons, in all weathers, in the middle of winter on the New England Coast to combat smuggling. It has lost a very appreciable number of men by drowning at sea, it has had patrol boats dashed ashore in February gales on the New England coast, it is doing everything that any reasonable person could expect or anticipate to meet this issue.

MR. ROWELL: What force have you on the Atlantic? I do not want you to disclose any information you do not feel you should in connection with it.

ADMIRAL BILLARD: There is no reason why any of this should be kept secret on the Atlantic coast -- and I may say before giving that information that I presume the Commission understands that this work is only <sup>one</sup> of the duties