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The great value of this Conference, I feel, has been the opportunity to meet in the discussion of common problems with the other Prime Ministers of the British Commonwealth and other members of the United Kingdom War Cabinet and Government. Mr. Churchill, I have known as a friend for many years, and have had the opportunity of meeting with him many times during the war here in London as well as in the United States and in Canada. Field Marshal Smuts and Mr. Fraser are likewise friends whom I have talked with before. It has been a particular pleasure to meet for the first time Mr. Curtin whose leadership of the Australian people in their time of trial has been the admiration of the people of Canada. The representatives of India and Southern Rhodesia have been a notable and welcome addition to this gathering.

London at this moment in history has been the right and proper centre for our discussions. None of us, I am sure, has been unaffected by the spirit of this country. Since that very different spring four years ago, the will and the spirit of the people of Britain have been a source of inspiration to all the peoples of the Commonwealth.

I came here confident of this oneness of purpose. I was certain that there was no disagreement on the principles