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7. It is on the other hand clear that the Canadian Government are disposed favourably to consider the employment of civilians for keeping military formations as far as possible on a fully overseas. For some time in fact certain work for the Canadian Corps in this country in the assembly of motor transport brought from North America has been carried out by Canadian civilian labour here. Information is being obtained as to the conditions on which these men are employed. Similar information regarding existing employment in the United Kingdom of United States civilian labour under contract would be valuable.

8. To sum up, the need is for the co-ordination of our demands to ensure:-

- (a) that departments here are not acting independently,
- (b) that the Canadian Government is informed of the full extent (so far as can be foreseen) of our needs, their reasons and their relative urgency,
- (c) generally, that the problem is viewed as a whole with due regard to the programmes and difficulties of both countries, and the requirements and problems of all departments, in order that the Canadian military and industrial effort may be given every chance to dovetail into our own (and naturally of course with that of the rest of the Empire).

9. It seems possible that in certain, probably very limited, spheres, some relief to the man-power problem in this country may be obtained by the employment of military personnel as units on work which is primarily of a civilian character. So far as is known no suggestion of this sort has so far been made to the Canadian Government or Canadian military authorities. It is understood, however, that it has been found possible for our own field engineering units to be allotted to specific reconstruction tasks or to clearance work required as a result of air-raid damage. In specially suitable cases the Canadian Military authorities might entertain suggestions of this sort in order more fully to occupy those of their troops in this country who have already received complete training, but it is understood that there can  
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