

requirements or offer any of their supplies. The United States War Food Administrator is unwilling to go further in civilian reduction in the United States, and in any event additional supplies from the United States will not likely be available until the last quarter of the year.

4. *Rice*—This is an extremely difficult problem, completely incapable of solution insofar as I can see unless the military authorities concerned are promptly advised of the position and agree to consider ways and means of liberating rice producing areas in the Pacific at the earliest possible opportunity. Insofar as Canada is concerned, I think we can expect that there will be no further supplies of rice available for civilians, except for the small oriental population.

5. *Dairy Products*—The main shortage is in evaporated milk. The problem in the United States seems to be largely one of providing containers, i.e., boxes. I feel we may be asked to forego some of our present rate of civilian consumption, and in any event I am confident that any quantity we can provide will be used to advantage by UNRRA and the paying countries. Cheese supplies and requirements do not quite balance either, and any contribution we can make in that direction would be extremely useful. The United Kingdom expects to have to cut their winter ration of three ounces to their present two-ounce ration per week. There is some hope of increased supplies from New Zealand as compared with last year. Liberated areas have small demands, providing they can take soft cheese, and you may want to think of ways and means of making as much available as possible from Canadian production this year.

As you are aware, I am sending forward the reports as they are received.

Yours sincerely,

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*Mémorandum des représentants de Grande-Bretagne aux discussions sur l'alimentation, Washington, au représentants des Dominions*

*Memorandum from Representatives of Great Britain to Discussions on Food Supplies, Washington, to Representatives of the Dominions*

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Washington, April 26, 1945

TRIPARTITE DISCUSSIONS ON FOOD

SUGAR

The U.K., U.S. and Canadian representatives have examined world supplies and world requirements for 1945. These showed a deficit of 910,000 tons. To eliminate the deficit, they first reviewed the requirements of liberated areas, neutrals and Russia.