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Canadian production would be tabled in Washington and a Canadian member would be added to the Board when Canadian production was being assigned. Similarly Canada would be represented on the naval, ground and air committees of the Board which do the detailed work of assignment. These Canadian members would also have the right to bid for munitions produced in the United States and required by the Canadian forces in the North American area. It was earlier agreed that the needs of the Canadian forces overseas from United States production should be included under certain safeguards in a bulk United Kingdom bid in Washington. These proposals have not been received in writing but they meet our main points.

The Canadian position respecting the Munitions Assignments Boards is a special one as Canada is the only one of the United Nations, apart from the United Kingdom and the United States, which produces munitions in volume for the use of other countries. Canadian production obviously ought to be assigned on the same strategic grounds as production of the United States and the United Kingdom. To permit its assignment without Canadian representation would have amounted in effect to surrendering control of Canadian production. That our right to be represented on the Washington Munitions Assignments Board seems likely to be admitted does not mean that similar requests with regard to other boards will be granted.