

participants in the Treaty would be that it presumably would have to be weaker than the guarantees already given by the United States and the United Kingdom, and thereby its effect would weaken those earlier guarantees, the reverse to what is intended. You should not, however, oppose too strongly the admission of Italy.

5. *Algeria.* We would be prepared, although reluctantly, to accept the inclusion of the three departments of Algeria, but still hope the French will make some concession on this point.

6. *Leakages.* I share your concern about leakages. They are bound to increase as the State Department goes further with its Congressional soundings. While I agree that it would not be wise at present to give the working papers to the countries which are being invited to participate in the Treaty, I feel that the present participants should be very liberal in the amount of information which they give to those countries. They should certainly give them more than is given to the New York Times, and that should satisfy them!

7. I wish you would turn over in your mind an idea which has occurred to me that perhaps it might be useful if, on the day that the discussion on the Ambassadorial level concludes, there be immediately published the draft of the Treaty with a statement that this draft has been prepared on the official level, does not bind the Governments concerned, but has been sent to them for their consideration prior to the holding of a formal conference. This would avoid the danger of inaccurate stories appearing in the press that the draft arrived at in Washington was final and had received governmental approval. Such inaccurate stories would precipitate statements by official spokesmen in the capitals concerned, with the result that before very long the newspapers would in any event have a reasonably accurate account of the draft Treaty text. We might then all find ourselves compelled, under public pressure, to publish the draft Treaty text. Another advantage of publication would be that it would help to stem criticism here and in other countries that the Governments were proposing to sign a Treaty of very great importance without having previously adequately informed their own Parliaments and peoples of the kind of Treaty which was under consideration.

8. *Time Table.* Any guesses you can give me about the future time table would be welcome. It may be that it would be useful for us to have some discussion in Parliament before the Treaty is signed, and it is difficult for me to plan this without knowing more about the prospective time table.