

United Kingdom were excluded from within 12 miles of the coast of other States the United Kingdom fishing industry would be ruined. In view of the position Canada proposes to take at the Conference it would seem highly desirable to compare notes as carefully as possible with the United Kingdom authorities before the Conference, particularly since initial positions of Canada and the UK on some of the more important aspects of the work of the Conference may be diametrically opposed. Because of the complicated background to this question it is suggested that it would be preferable to have this consultation carried out first-hand in London by officials familiar with the problem. Besides these bilateral talks with UK officials it is extremely likely that the latter will also convene another meeting of Commonwealth officials.

III. COMPOSITION OF CANADIAN DELEGATION

8. Another question not relating to the substance of matters to be dealt with at the Conference but which will require the early consideration of the Government is the composition of the Canadian delegation to the Conference. According to the United States officials they expect that their delegation will be chaired by an Assistant Secretary of the Department of the Interior, who may not stay for the duration of the Conference, which will be nine weeks. The five working committees of the Conference would presumably be presided over by experts from the various departments of the US Government concerned. US officials also expect that the United States fishing industry will be represented on the Delegation with advisory status. According to our information the United Kingdom Delegation will have a ministerial head, possibly a Law Officer or one of the Foreign Office Ministers of State who would not stay long. The continuing leader of the Delegation will be Sir Gerald Fitzmaurice, the Legal Adviser of the Foreign Office. There will also be a representative of ambassador status and an Under-Secretary (Fisheries) along with experts and advisers from various interested government departments. We have no information that the British fishing industry will be represented.

9. It is suggested that the Cabinet Committee might wish to consider the advisability of it being recommended to the Government that the Canadian Delegation be chaired by a Cabinet Minister in view of the importance for Canada of the matters of substance with which the Conference will deal. The Vice-Chairman of the Delegation might be myself or Mr. Marcel Cadieux, Legal Adviser of the Department of External Affairs. (The position might possibly be covered by both on an alternating basis, since attendance for the full length of the Conference might be difficult in the light of departmental requirements at Ottawa.) Other representatives might be Mr. S.V. Ozere, Assistant Deputy Minister of Fisheries, an official from the Department of Transport, and Professor G.F. Curtis, Dean of the School of Law, University of British Columbia. Professor Curtis was retained by the Government in 1952 to advise the Interdepartmental Committee on Territorial Waters on the principal changes of doctrine that might affect Canadian law on, or claims to, territorial waters and assess the degree and character of the possible application of various rules to Canada. Professor Curtis submitted a confidential report to the Interdepartmental Committee in 1955. He is also advising the Interdepartmental Committee on a supplementary report which is now being prepared on the status of the waters of the Arctic Archipelago. It is considered that Professor Curtis' knowledge of the matters to be dealt with at the Conference would be invaluable to the Canadian Delegation. Professor Curtis would be available to serve on the Delegation if the Government desired to invite him. Advisers and experts for the Delegation would have to be drawn from various Departments.

10. The question of industry representation (both fishing and shipping) may well be raised, either by the employers or the unions. It might be difficult to appoint representa-