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furnished similar outline information, it being made clear that provision is normally subject to annual approval by the Dominion Government and appropriation of funds by the Dominion Parliament.

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The Sub-Committee has also been furnished with much valuable information as to the possibilities of Dominion production of armaments and munitions of war.

The Sub-Committee have subjected the above materials to such detailed examination as has been possible in the time at their disposal and report as follows:-

(1) The forecasted requirements will require in many cases further detailed examination between those concerned in the United Kingdom and the Dominions, and this is being, or will be, done. Broadly speaking, the position appears to be that while the existing capacity in the United Kingdom is heavily strained to meet United Kingdom requirements, the requirements forecasted from the United Kingdom can be met, provided that firm. demands are forthcoming as soon as possible, and that suitable priority can be arranged for Dominion supply. Supply will, of course, take longer than the normal periods by reason of the demands of the rearmament programme of the United Kingdom and there will be difficulty in regard to some items. In such cases capacity in the United Kingdom is at present insufficient for its own needs, but it is being expanded as rapidly as possible. Supply from the United

Kingdom is the only method of supply possible for some time to come in regard to many stores such as, in one sphere, the heavier calibres of A.A. and coast defence guns and mountings and, in another, optical and scientific instruments.

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