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Control Machinery for Europe - Canadian Participation

Summary

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I. Germany (paras. 1-11)

(A) Proposals for Control Machinery (paras. 1-5)

According to proposals which are likely to be recommended by the European Advisory Commission control machinery in Germany will be along the following lines:

During the period of active hostilities military government will continue to be under direction of the Commanders-in-Chief; Canadian participation has been worked out through military channels. For the period following the surrender of Germany there will be a Control Council consisting of the Commanders-in-Chief of the U.S.S.R., U.S.A., and U.K. The Control staff, organized to correspond to the departments of German administration, will consist of both civilian and military personnel, and may include nationals of other than the three powers appointed in their personal capacity. For the period after military government is brought to an end, there will be a separate agreement between the three powers.

(B) Association of other Governments with Control Machinery (Paras. 6-8)

Participation of other interested Governments in the direction of the control machinery for Germany is likely to be limited to the right to appoint military missions to the Control Council, which would have access through the appropriate channel to the Control Council.

The following requests have been received for Canadian personnel for the military and civil divisions of the Control Commissions:

- i Approximately three or four hundred officers for demilitarization duties in the British zone.
- ii Civil and military personnel with special qualifications for employment as part of the British element of the Control Commission in Germany and Austria. The Australian, New Zealand, and South African authorities have agreed in principle to this request.

(C) Canadian Participation in the Control Machinery (Paras 9-11)

The provision of Canadian officers for demilitarization duties may be considered a residual obligation of the war effort against Germany. The relationship of Canada to the direction of the control machinery raises major questions of policy. Canadian interests in Germany during this period are primarily the pacification of Europe and, in addition, the protection of specific Canadian interests. In view of the trend toward tripartite control, these interests will probably have to be served by indirect methods.