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as possible, but has means of participating in its work when this is necessary to safeguard Canadian interests. The development of further contacts with the Combined Chiefs of Staff organization will be primarily a matter for the military authorities. Provided that the members of the Canadian Joint Staff are officers who command respect in Washington and Ottawa, our position should be reasonably satisfactory. The personal qualities of our Service representatives will be all important in this connection.

(b) The Munitions Assignments Boards.

The Canadian relationship to these Boards has been a most complex problem. The Boards were set up to allocate the munitions produced in the United Kingdom and the United States. The question of the method of allocating Canadian production at once came to the front. After a lengthy examination of various alternatives and discussions in both Washington and London, it was decided that the best course would be for all Canadian production to be pooled in Washington and assigned by the Washington Board, provided that Canada was fully represented on that Board. This proposal was made formally to the United States Government on May 13th. Its acceptance was resisted by Mr. Hopkins, the Chairman of the Washington Board, and the proposal has not been formally accepted. General Burns, the Executive of the Board, however, on August 4th approached General Pope with a solution which appears to be acceptable. Under this scheme