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Sir Campbell Stuart called this morning after his return from the United States.

While in the United States he had been discussing with the telegraph and radio companies, and also with the State, War and Navy Departments and finally with the President, possible means of safeguarding communication with the Continent in the event of serious interruption on the other side. This of course he was doing in his capacity as Chairman of the Imperial Communications Advisory Committee.

The second question he was considering was the possibility of building up, say in Newfoundland, an alternative base for the British propaganda ~~base~~^{broadcasting} in Europe of which he is now in charge. He had been assured by wealthy Americans that they would be prepared to finance such an undertaking, which I understand is his own suggestion and one which has not yet been brought before the British Government. The President said he would have no objection to the money being provided in this way. Sir Campbell then went to the R.C.A. and enquired whether they had on hand any powerful short-wave transmitting stations which could operate from this side to Europe. They said they had one which had been built for a European Government which had now gone West, and which the Siamese Government was negotiating for. It would cost