

open, at any rate to Australia, to parallel whatever pattern of representation may be adopted for Canada.

He ended by assuring me that he would think the matter over further and re-draft his telegram to London. Our discussion throughout was most friendly and was in the nature of an effort to find an acceptable solution to a very tricky problem of organization. I think that he would have telegraphed sooner to London if it had not been that on going through the files he had found the record of the discussion in Ottawa last June, when Admiral Little, General Wemyss, and Air Marshal Harris were told at a meeting there that the Canadian Government had decided in favour of a separate Canadian Military Mission here.⁴ I said to him that I felt that circumstances had so altered since then with the entry of the United States into the war and the spread of the war to the Pacific that he should not regard this decision as still binding, especially since its execution had been opposed by the United States Government.

A satisfactory solution of the whole problem might be easier to secure if it were possible for the three Canadian Services to agree on one representative only at the top Staff level who could speak at this level for the Canadian Navy, Army, and Air Force. I do not know whether this would be feasible, but Mr. McCarthy and I both feel that it is worth study and consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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Le secrétaire aux Dominions au secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
Dominions Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs

TELEGRAM CIRCULAR D. 39

London, January 27, 1942

MOST IMMEDIATE. SECRET. My immediately succeeding telegram contains texts of three memoranda of agreements reached at Washington between the Prime Minister and President Roosevelt regarding setting up of joint organizations for control, supply and shipping questions.

We are urgently considering how best to implement these plans so as to ensure that fullest machinery is available for consultation with Dominion Governments on these matters, and our proposals will be telegraphed to you for your consideration at the earliest possible moment.

I regret it was not possible to communicate these texts to you before, but the President's telephonic concurrence in their final form has only just been received. He has also just informed us that he proposes to publish document immediately.

It is proposed to appoint Lord Beaverbrook as Chairman in London of "Munitions Assignment Board" and Mr. Henry L. Hopkins as Chairman in Washington.

⁴Voir le volume 8, document 150.

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