

Australian and New Zealand representation on the Council of Governments which it was proposed to set up in London to deal with Far Eastern matters. Canada would not be represented on this Council.

In any event, it was made clear to Sir John Dill by the Canadian participants in this meeting that Canada would certainly expect to be consulted on all decisions regarding allocation which affected her. As the third most important supplier to the war effort of the Allies, she would be justified in taking this stand. Such a stand would not prejudice in any way the principle of the pooling of all supplies and using them where they were needed most at any given time.

4. **JOINT PLANNING BOARD.** Sir John Dill had little to say about this. He thought it might be difficult for Canada to be separately represented because the Board must be kept small and if Canada were represented the other Dominions would expect representation. At the same time, he agreed that Canada should be kept carefully and continuously informed of the work of the Committee. This might be done by having Canadian Staff Officers attached to the British Staff Mission in Washington.

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SECRET

Washington, January 20, 1942

Dear Mr. Robertson,

In our Telegram No. 44 of January 17th[†] and my letter of January 16th[†] I gave you the chief points arising from discussions with Sir John Dill and the Australian Minister, respectively, concerning the proposed arrangements for the co-ordination of the war effort. Doubtless Sir John Dill during his Ottawa visit has filled in the outline so that fairly complete information is now available in Ottawa on the results in this field of the discussions between the President and Mr. Churchill and their Staffs.

In this letter I want to bring up informally a number of questions which have occurred to me in connection with the Canadian place in the arrangements which are now in process of completion. I am enclosing with it a copy of a draft report which has been prepared by the British Joint Staff Planners[‡], who are the senior Staff officers attached to the representatives in Washington of the British Chiefs of Staff. This plan, if it is approved by the British Joint Staff Mission, will be tabled at a meeting of the Combined Staff Planners. The word "Combined" is used to indicate an international body, and the word "Joint" is used to indicate an inter-Service body which is not international. The enclosed paper is interesting in itself, but my principal purpose in forwarding it to you is because of the light it throws on the method of operation of the new Combined bodies.