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In this regard the Australian Government desired to express its deep appreciation of the arrangement established with the New Zealand Government for the supply of certain of its requirements from Australian factories. It was felt that considerable mutual advantage had resulted and it would be helpful to explore the further possibilities of this arrangement, both with respect to the present capacity and contemplated expansion in the Australian munitions supply organisation.

In conclusion, SIR ARCHDALE PARKHILL stressed the need for consultation between the various technical officers.

MR. NASH outlined the views of New Zealand on this question and pointed out that New Zealand differed largely from the other Dominions in the matter of the supply of munitions, in that she was mainly a purchaser and not a manufacturer, her requirements being met by the United Kingdom and Australia. He welcomed the arrangements made with Australia and hoped they would continue. New Zealand was concerned with the question of raw materials which would be considered at a later meeting. Certain industrial developments were taking place in New Zealand and the Government had in view the manufacture of steel. They were also thinking of developing a small arms ammunition factory. On the general question of the supply of armaments and munitions of war, he felt that New Zealand could not contribute generally to the deliberations of the Committee.

MR. FOURIE said that South Africa had the following basic industries which were obviously of vital importance to the manufacture of munitions:-

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