

channels. Staff conversations followed in due course.

I should perhaps say that I gave to my colleagues who were members of the War Committee of the Cabinet, my entire confidence with respect to the conversations I had had with the President, and subsequent steps were taken with their knowledge and full approval. I should also like to say that the British Government was kept duly informed of what was taking place. The Canadian Government likewise was kept informed of the defence matters directly discussed between the British Government and the United States. The discussions naturally included questions pertaining to the leasing of air and naval bases on the Atlantic.

As I have already mentioned, the President had announced the day before our meeting at Ogdensburg that conversations had been taking place between the two governments. The Ogdensburg Agreement formally confirmed what the previous conversations and planning had initiated. It made known to the world that plans of joint defence were being studied and worked out between the two countries. It did one thing more. It made clear that the Board which was being established to make studies and recommendations was not