

7. Accordingly, the Secretary of State for External Affairs recommends<sup>54</sup> that the Cabinet approve Canadian membership on the Combined Policy Committee reactivated along the lines proposed in the United States draft Aide-Mémoire.

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The United States Government believes that in order to advance co-operation among the United States, the United Kingdom and Canada in research and development in military fields where the three countries have mutual defence interests, it would be useful to establish some supervisory institutional arrangement. It is suggested that for this purpose the Combined Policy Committee be reactivated with appropriate new guidelines.

The Combined Policy Committee was established by the agreement of August 19, 1943, in order to facilitate co-operation in atomic matters among the three allies. After the end of World War II such co-operation became much more limited, and the Combined Policy Committee for some years now has functioned only to a small extent and through correspondence. Of two subsidiary organizations which were also established, the Combined Development Agency (originally the Combined Development Trust) and the sub-group of scientific advisers, only the Combined Development Agency has continued actively in its field, the joint procurement of uranium ore.

In the fields of non-atomic weapons research and development various arrangements for co-operation among the three countries have now been established, principally among the military services. Some of the co-operation carried out under these arrangements is quite extensive and it is desired that this shall continue in the fullest possible way. More extensive co-operation in atomic fields may also now be carried out under new United States legislation, and it is believed that it is mutually agreed among the three countries that it is in their common interest to carry this out to the fullest extent possible. Co-operation in both atomic and non-atomic fields, it is believed, would be facilitated by centralized supervision.

It is suggested accordingly, that a feasible and satisfactory means of establishing this supervision would be to reactivate the Combined Policy Committee and assign to it the supervisory responsibility for technical co-operation for military purposes in both atomic and non-atomic fields. An outline of principles for the organization and activity of such a reactivated committee has been worked out informally by representatives of the three Governments and is attached herewith. If such a procedure meets with the approval of the three Governments a meeting of the Combined Policy Committee could be convened at a mutually satisfactory time and the new guidelines for the Committee adopted at the meeting. It is believed that this procedure would have the further advantage of obviating any undue publicity being given to the action, even though the Committee's existence would continue to be an unclassified matter.

<sup>54</sup> Approuvé par le Cabinet le 9 décembre 1958./Approved by Cabinet on December 9, 1958.