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4. Announcement to be made that General Eisenhower and General Wilson are Commanders in Chief of participating forces of United Nations. (Telegram 34).
- (a) Mr. Churchill says no need of announcement on military grounds and doubts desirability on other grounds. Canada might make announcement herself re Eisenhower. (51)
 - (b) Pres. Roosevelt says no military grounds but if there are other grounds there is no objection. (WA-2179).
5. Canadian Staff Mission to act as link between Canadian Chiefs of Staff and British Chiefs of Staff Committee. (Telegram 35).
- (a) Welcomed by Mr. Churchill. (51)
 - (b) War Office endorses principles. (COS 47)
 - (c) to be implemented by senior members of Canadian Staff Mission sitting in periodically with British Chiefs of Staff. (COS 47)
 - (d) Pres. Roosevelt says it is a question for Canada and U.K. (WA-2179).

RESULTS TO APRIL 25

1. Canada has gained a place in planning a higher level than previously. The position of the Canadian Brigadier is apparently somewhat equivocal. While he is a Canadian he is not responsible to Canada. Whether the presence of the Canadian Brigadier on General Smith's staff is a right or by courtesy is not clear.
2. The Canadian Mission has been accepted.
3. The Canadian Mission as a link with British Chiefs of Staff has been accepted by the British.
4. The Canadian Mission as a link with Supreme Command is accepted, but only through Combined Chiefs of Staff.
5. Periodic visits to Supreme Commanders are accepted. Generals Eisenhower and Smith will discuss operational plans with General Stuart. Assume this is as of right.
6. Suggestion as to public announcement not accepted. Canada however may make own announcement.
7. Supreme Commanders have apparently not been informed that they derive authority from Canadian Government.
8. There is nothing in the correspondence to indicate that Commander of troops under Canadian sovereignty has any different status vis-a-vis higher command from that of any other army commander in planning or consultation or receiving information.