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COLONEL LA FLECHE raised the question of the detail of Canada's requirements and SIR ARCHDALE PARKHILL suggested that the various technical representatives might meet and report on this question to the Committee.

THE CHAIRMAN agreed that it would be advisable for the technical representatives to meet and discuss questions of detail.

SIR ARCHDALE PARKHILL said that the Australian Delegation had studied with interest the following suggestions made by the United Kingdom Government in Paper No. E. (37) 17, viz. :-

- (i) The Dominions should consider the development of internal capacity for production of armaments and munitions of war, so as to diminish, so far as practicable, their degree of dependence on the United Kingdom.
- (ii) The United Kingdom Government would hope to assist such a policy at the start, by considering the allocation to the Dominions from time to time of suitable proportions of the future requirements of the United Kingdom under this "long range programme" and also, so far as possible, of its requirements under the present "Deficiency Programme".
- (iii) The desirability of direct consultation between the Governments of the Dominions concerned and the Government of India as to ways and means of developing the supply of armaments and munitions of war for mutual assistance in Eastern waters. Action of this kind might in certain circumstances be of the greatest possible value from the point of view of defence, and His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom would be glad to take their part in promoting it.

In regard to the first suggestion for development of internal capacity, a detailed outline of the Australian munitions supply organisation had been given in the

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