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time and a valid and effective agreement would thus be entered into which could be registered with the United Nations.

Another argument for a public agreement lies in the possibility of premature disclosure of the current secret discussions. In the view of the Board, public attention will almost inevitably be drawn to the fact that plans for defence cooperation are being discussed--indeed some newspaper comment has already appeared--and it is desirable that the two Governments should forestall rumours and speculation by announcing agreed measures of cooperation which are simple and straightforward.

It is learned that the United States Section may wish to suggest that sub-paragraph (f) dealing with the exchange of military information should be put into a separate and non-public Recommendation. They are fully prepared to exchange military information but they feel that the publication of this part of the Recommendation would put them under great pressure from many other countries to enter into the same exchange arrangements, a course which they would not be prepared to follow. It appears that a separate and non-public Recommendation if strongly desired by the United States would be acceptable to the Canadian authorities.