

## (c) SHIPPING BOARD.

No special machinery is needed for Canadian representation.

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*Memorandum by Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs*

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## UNITED STATES-UNITED KINGDOM COMBINED WAR BOARDS

Six United States-United Kingdom Combined Boards or Committees are now being organized to ensure the maximum degree of co-operation between the two Countries in the prosecution of the war.

As it was found impracticable to centralize this co-operation and control in either capital, all the Combined Boards (except that on Raw Materials) will have branches in London *and* Washington.

It is proposed that the London Boards will co-ordinate the war effort of the British Empire and of those nations whose Government is now in the U.K. The area to be covered from London will be Europe, Near and Middle East, and the Indian Ocean.

The Washington Combined Boards will cover the war effort in China and the Far East and will be responsible for consultation with the Latin American States, China and Russia.

It should be pointed out that neither Australia nor New Zealand have, so far as we know, accepted the proposal that all Empire questions should be cleared through the Boards in London. There is some indication that they may be reluctant to do this. The Far Eastern Political Council, for instance, was to have been set up in London. But Australia and New Zealand, who are on this Council, are both anxious to have it meet in Washington.

Furthermore, those responsible for the proposal that Empire co-ordination should be centred in London do not seem to have given adequate consideration to the nature and importance of U.S.-Canadian relations.

As at present proposed, however the set-up is as follows:

(a) Combined U.K.-U.S. Chiefs of Staff Committees in Washington and London.

(b) Combined U.K.-U.S. Planning Committees in Washington and London.

(c) Combined U.K.-U.S. Munitions Assignments Boards in Washington and London, with Mr. Harry Hopkins and Lord Beaverbrook, as chairmen. The members of these Boards, however, will represent and report through their Chiefs of Staff.

(d) Combined Shipping Adjustment Boards in Washington and London.

(e) Combined Raw Materials Board – to sit in Washington, only, with Chairmen, Mr. William Batt and Sir Clive Baillieu.

The agreement between the U.K. and U.S. setting up these Boards makes it