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CANADA - UNITED STATES COMMITTEE ON JOINT DEFENCE
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THE THIRD MEETING OF THE CANADA - UNITED STATES MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON JOINT DEFENCE WAS HELD AT MONTEBELLO, QUEBEC, ON JULY 12 AND 13, 1960.

THE UNITED STATES WAS REPRESENTED AT THE MEETING BY THE HONORABLE ROBERT W. ANDERSON, SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, THE HONORABLE THOMAS S GATES, JR., SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, AND THE HONORABLE LIVINGSTON T. MERCHANT, UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS. SECRETARY OF STATE CHRISTIAN A. HERTER REGRETTED THAT DEVELOPMENTS REQUIRING HIS PERSONAL ATTENTION OBLIGED HIM TO CANCEL HIS PLANS TO COME TO THE MEETING.

CANADA WAS REPRESENTED BY THE HONOURABLE HOWARD C. GREEN, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, THE HONOURABLE DONALD M. FLEMING, MINISTER OF FINANCE, THE HONOURABLE GEORGE R. PEARKES, MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE AND THE HONOURABLE RAYMOND J. ORURLEY, MINISTER OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION.

AMBASSADOR WIGGLESWORTH AND AMBASSADOR HEENEY WITH OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS, WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

THE COMMITTEE WAS ESTABLISHED AS A RESULT OF DISCUSSIONS IN JULY, 1958, IN OTTAWA BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER DIEFENBAKER AND PRESIDENT EISENHOWER. IT WAS ESTABLISHED TO CONSULT PERIODICALLY ON ALL MATTERS AFFECTING THE JOINT DEFENCE OF CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES AND REVIEWS NOT ONLY MILITARY QUESTIONS BUT ALSO THE

POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF JOINT DEFENCE PROBLEMS.

THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WELCOMED THE OPPORTUNITY WHICH THIS MEETING AFFORDED THEM TO HAVE A TIMELY DISCUSSION ON A BROAD RANGE OF RECENT INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS OF INTEREST AND CONCERN TO THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. THEY AGREED THAT SITUATIONS WHICH ARISE SHOULD ALWAYS BE DEALT WITH IN A MANNER WHICH WILL PROMOTE THE OBJECTIVES OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND CONTRIBUTE TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND STABILITY.

BY ITS NATURE THE COMMITTEE'S DISCUSSIONS ARE LARGELY CONCERNED WITH MATTERS INVOLVING THE VITAL SECURITY INTEREST OF THE TWO COUNTRIES.

THE COMMITTEE REVIEWED THE CURRENT POSITION CONCERNING NEGOTIATIONS AIMING AT COMPLETE AND GENERAL DISARMAMENT UNDER AN EFFECTIVE SYSTEM OF CONTROL. THEY DEPLORED THE RECENT ACTION OF THE SOVIET UNION IN WITHDRAWING FROM THE TEN-NATION MEETINGS, THUS FRUSTRATING ITS WORK. THE COMMITTEE AGREED THAT EFFORTS FOR THE RESUMPTION OF MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS MUST BE CONTINUED. THEY WERE FURTHER AGREED THAT PENDING THE ACHIEVEMENT OF GENERAL AND CONTROLLED DISARMAMENT THERE COULD BE NO RELAXATION OF DEFENSIVE MEASURES.

PARTICULAR ATTENTION WAS GIVEN TO A REVIEW OF THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED ON CO-OPERATIVE MEASURES DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THE DEFENCES OF NORTH AMERICA AND THE COMMITTEE RE-AFFIRMED ITS CONVICTION THAT THESE CONTRIBUTE IMPORTANTLY TO THE GREATER STRENGTH OF COLLECTIVE SECURITY WITHIN THE BROADER FRAMEWORK OF NATO.

THE COMMITTEE RE-AFFIRMED THE COMMON DESIRE AND INTENTION OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS FURTHER TO STRENGTHEN THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE AND TO IMPROVE CONSULTATION BETWEEN MEMBERS WITHIN THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL, AND CONSIDERED WAYS AND MEANS WHEREBY THE ALLIANCE S OBJECTIVES MIGHT BE ACHIEVED IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

THE COMMITTEE ALSO REVIEWED THE FIELD OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION SHARING BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. THEY RECOGNIZED THAT THIS IS A LONG RANGE PROGRAM. THEY RE-AFFIRMED THE CONCEPT AS ONE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF EACH COUNTRY AND DISCUSSED FURTHER STEPS WHICH MIGHT BE TAKEN TO ASSURE A GREATER MEASURE OF CO-OPERATION.

THE COMMITTEE NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT THE EXISTING MACHINERY FOR CONSULTATION ON DEFENCE MATTERS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IS OPERATING EFFECTIVELY. IT WAS NOTED IN THIS RESPECT THAT THE PERMANENT JOINT BOARD ON DEFENCE, CREATED BY THE OGDENSBURG DECLARATION OF 1940, WOULD THIS YEAR BE COMPLETING THE TWENTIETH YEAR OF ITS EXISTENCE AND THE COMMITTEE EXPRESSED ITS CONFIDENCE THAT THE BOARD WOULD CONTINUE TO PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE WITHIN THE AREA OF ITS RESPONSIBILITIES.

THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE WILL BE ARRANGED LATER.