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Nothing to be Written in this Margin.

Following from Agent General: Through courtesy of Ambassador, I attended yesterday's conference at which there were Dominion representatives. President and Prime Minister generally explained main conclusions so far reached. [Understand there to be (a) participation of America in defence of Australia, (b) allocation of existing allied military, naval and air resources to maximum advantage (c) migration of regional command in West Pacific. Strength of resources referred to in (b) necessitate defensive policy in some time in Far East but doubts about intention or capacity to defend key positions such as Singapore not justified. British production is already coming on well. American is also stepped up to maximum possible with country's capacity and not limited to assumed wants of any particular region or country. No proposals regarding creation of central military or economic organisation yet mentioned. From one source I gather that lend lease may give place to free gift of equipment to those who need it most and can use it best.]

2. Prime Minister's visit has created favourable impression here and his inspiring leadership imparted confidence which recent events in Far East had greatly shaken. Just before leaving moment shared with Prime Minister to urge on him importance of defence, against his attack, of Calcutta and adjoining centres of our heavy industry. Etc.