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Mr. Hoyer Millar.

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I talked to Mr. Ben Cohen about this. He is of the opinion that it would be best to approach Stettinius about the scheme as Stettinius was nominated by the President to deal with the similar question of the American C.T.C., which is now being discussed with Harris. Cohen also suggested that rather than create another unit a category for semi-skilled labour should be created in the Civilian Technical Corps. At the same time he thought it would be a good idea to approach Conant who is down here he believes once a week.

In order to avoid a double approach to Stettinius perhaps the Air Force Delegation could mention this suggestion. At the same time the Embassy could consult Conant and put the proposal up to London that semi-skilled American labour should be recruited here. Russell and Murray Mitchell should be told of what we are doing and of Cohen's suggestion that there should be a non-technical branch of the C.T.C.

L. Webster

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Nothing to be Written in this Margin.

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See d/ps. to Mr. Cabbott & Dr. Webster. I don't think we need Cohen & Russell yet: we shouldn't create a semi-skilled branch of the British C.T.C. unless the idea of

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Br. + Am. C.I.C.'s falls through

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