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M.M.(41) 25th Meeting.

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BRITISH JOINT STAFF MISSION IN WASHINGTON.

MINUTES of Meeting held at 3055, Whitehaven Street,
on TUESDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1941, at 11 a.m.

See in
Industry

PRESENT:-

Admiral Sir Charles Little.
(In the Chair).

Lieut.-General Sir Colville Wemyss. Air Marshal A.T. Harris.

THE FOLLOWING WERE ALSO PRESENT:-

Rear-Admiral V.H. Danckwerts. Rear-Admiral J.W.S. Dorling.
(For items 3-5).

Air Commodore A.L. Fiddament. Commodore V.G. Brodeur, R.C.N.,
Canadian Naval Attache.

Captain G.D. Belben, R.N. Lieut.-Colonel F.W. Vogel.

Group Captain S.C. Strafford. Commander D.H. Harries, R.A.N.,
Australian Representative

Wing Commander J. Bryans, Lieut.-Commander J. Bailey,
Canadian Air Attache. New Zealand Representative.

Major C.M. Drury,
Canadian Assistant Military Attache.

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Commander R.D. Coleridge, R.N.
Major R.F.G. Jayne.

1. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE U.S.A.

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(Previous Reference: M.M.(41) 21st Meeting,
Minute 3).

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(BOXES No. 107).

THE COMMITTEE had before them BOXES No. 107
on the subject of technical assistance from the
U.S.A.

AIR MARSHAL HARRIS explained that this new
requirement for technical officers appeared to be
an enlargement of the American-recruited Civilian
Technical Corps which was at present under discussion
between himself and Messrs. Hopkins and Stettinius.
On a previous occasion, scientists had been recruited
by Dr. Conant to operate certain wireless equipment
in England.

ADMIRAL LITTLE expressed the opinion that it was likely that the electrical engineers for the Navy might be required to go to sea in warships.

GENERAL WEMYSS suggested that the American Officers would relieve British Officers for more active employment.

THE COMMITTEE:-

Agreed that, before approaching the U.S. authorities concerned, a telegram* should be despatched to the Chiefs of Staff, asking for information as to whether it was envisaged that the officers concerned would be commissioned into the British or U.S. armed forces, and whether they would be required to carry out combatant duties. The attention of the Chiefs of Staff should also be drawn to the fact that Mr. Cribbett was now in London, and available for consultation.

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