

## JOINT COMMITTEES ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION

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### AIDE-MEMOIRE

The Canadian Government have been giving consideration to the military, economic and social problems which are likely to arise in Canada unless steps are taken to examine the possibility of arranging for co-operation between the war-expanded industries of Canada and the United States or for their co-ordination or integration. It is the belief of the Canadian Government that the promotion of economy and efficiency during the present period of crisis, the solution of the problems which will be posed during the period of transition from war to peace, and adequate and effective provision for the continuing requirements of hemispheric defence, all demand that early and detailed study be given to this question. Such a study might include an examination of the possibility and advisability of preventing duplication and mutually injurious competition by arranging for co-operation between the two countries in the further definition of all strategic, critical and essential war materials, and in the establishment of stock piles of certain of them.

In the opinion of the Canadian Government, the present channels of communication between Ottawa and Washington do not provide adequate facilities for the detailed consideration of so complicated and technical a subject. It is for this reason that the Canadian Government have decided to approach the Government of the United States with the proposal which is outlined in the attached memorandum. This memorandum was recently submitted to the War Committee of the Canadian Cabinet and received the approval of that body.

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<sup>1</sup> For an announcement of dissolution of the joint committees, see *Department of State Bulletin*, Mar. 18, 1944, p. 264.