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My dear Morton,

Your letter of 7th January (1/351/1). I am glad to find that you may have a hand in this business. I should like to make it quite clear that the subject of trying to get a close agreement between French and British figures of Germany's economic position is not, strictly speaking, one for the Anglo-French Liaison Section in so far as the Secretariat are concerned. The situation is that the Allied Military Committee, which comprises superior officers of the British and French Navy, Army and Air Force, has been charged with the duty of preparing an appreciation of what Germany might do in the early part of 1940. To this end the British half of the Committee have been supplied with an appreciation on this subject prepared by the Joint Intelligence Sub-Committee. The appreciation contained an economic section in the review of the situation which endeavoured to put forward the economic factors which might influence Germany's strategy. This British appreciation has not been shown to the French half of the Committee, but when it came to considering the procedure for drafting a joint appreciation the labour was sub-divided and the British half of the Committee undertook to draft certain parts of the review of the situation, which included the economic section. The British draft was based on the relevant portion of the J.I.C. appreciation, amplified by further information provided by Hall. When the French half of the Committee came to this draft they pointed out that the statements therein did not in many respects coincide with the information at their disposal. We do not know exactly where they have obtained all their information but we do know that they were not ready to discuss our draft for some time after it had been first handed to them and I am sure that they were in communication with authorities in France on the matter.

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meet their views, I can only suggest that it would be best to arrange a meeting of the Allied Military Committee at which both the Ministry of Economic Warfare and the French Mission to that Ministry are represented. I am reluctant, however, to believe that that would be a very satisfactory arrangement, as, of course, the differences are between the experts and not between the Military Representatives on the Committee, who have nothing to go on except the information provided to them from French and British economic sources respectively.

Yours ever

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