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Last night after a long meeting on various papers for the forthcoming meeting of the Supreme War Council, the Directors of Plans discussed the possibility of meeting the British Military Representatives to talk over the method by which the French should be brought in to the preparation of this major appreciation. After some discussion the fact emerged that the Directors of Plans were unlikely to be able to spare the time to meet the British Military Representatives this week. At the same time they realised fully that the British Military Representatives were anxious to start work and of course if the French are to be brought in it was desirable that there should be no delay.

2. The Directors of Plans accordingly agreed to sit on at the same meeting and consider the method by which the French should be brought in, although they appreciated the fact that it would have been better if the British Military Representatives had been present.

3. I think I can best sum up the Directors of Plans ideas by quoting to you the conclusions recorded at last night's meeting:-

"THE COMMITTEE considered the method by which the French might be brought into the preparation of the appreciation on Major Strategy.

After some discussion, it was agreed:-

(a) To invite the British Military Representatives to hand to the French the British framework for the appreciation as set out in Paper No. J.P.(40) 56 (S), with one amendment to read as follows:-

Add a new Section -

"VII.A. Broad review of German Strategy."

(b) That in handing this framework to the French the British Military Representatives should be invited to:-

(1) Inform the French that a major

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Enclosure I

