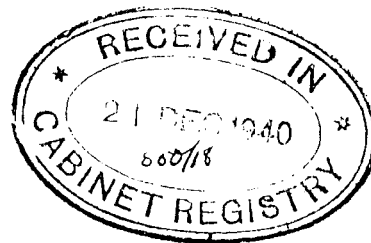


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S E C R E T.GENERAL ISMAY. (Through Colonel (Hollis))Major Strategy of the War.

J.P. are just beginning work upon this appreciation of Major Strategy. We have obtained the approval of Directors of Plans to a framework for the paper and the various tasks involved have been split up among Members of the Committee. Today we have started warning various other Departments of the material which will be required from them.

2. This appreciation will not be complete without consideration of certain political, economic and financial aspects. On the political and economic sides we have our contacts in the Foreign Office and the Ministry of Economic Warfare and through them we can draw all the material we require. With the Treasury, however, we have no contacts nor have we to my knowledge ever included the financial aspects of a problem in a paper prepared in the Joint Planning Committee. If this paper is to be complete, however, we must examine the relative financial strengths of the Allies and Germany, as the deduction from an examination of this question may well have a considerable effect on strategy.

3. What we should like to do, therefore, is to obtain from the Treasury a considered view on the financial strength of the Allies, and of Germany.

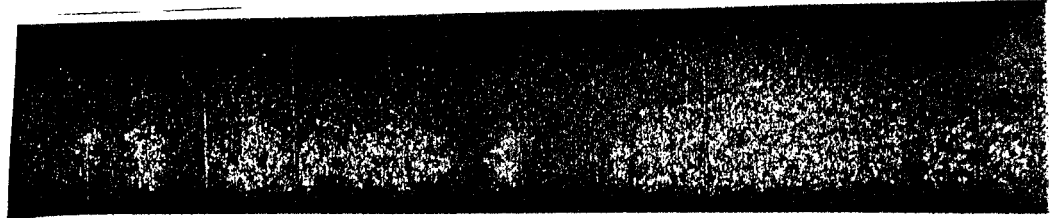
4. I suggest that we could best achieve this if a Treasury liaison Officer were specifically appointed to collaborate with us. Such a representative might be of the same status as Mr. Watson in the Ministry of Economic Warfare, but it would have to be clearly understood that he should tap all available sources in the Treasury and present views, for incorporation in our report, which would not later be refuted by the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

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5. I discussed this with Colonel Hollis who suggested that the necessary steps to put this in tra would have to be taken on a semi-official basis, and any case could not be undertaken by me. I should be grateful if you would consider the point and if you agree, arrange for the necessary liaison Officer to b appointed.

14th March, 1940.

A. J. Garroway. Jms