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The Bureau of Economic Warfare...
January 31, 1945

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SECRET

The Honorable
John G. Winant,
American Ambassador,
London.

Sir:

As a result of the gradual change in the character of our economic relationships with the European neutral countries, the Department of State has organized, with the Foreign Economic Administration and the British Embassy in Washington, a single committee to handle future economic problems in those areas. The two committees which have currently been handling economic problems concerning the European neutral countries, the Iberian Peninsula Operating Committee and the Swedish-Swiss Committee, have adjourned sine die and have been merged in a single European Neutrals Committee.

In general, the Committee has been charged with the responsibility for coordinating the policy aspects involved in the three following objectives:

1. To obtain our remaining economic warfare desiderata in each of the neutral countries.
2. To secure necessary agreement from the neutrals to prevent interference with Allied procurement arrangements for goods in short supply.
3. To obtain the cooperation of the neutrals in supplying, in proportion to their resources, the requirements of the Allies and the liberated areas.

The membership of the Committee will consist of representatives from the Department of State, one of whom will act as Chairman, the Foreign Economic Administration, and British Embassy in Washington.

The European

450 - Bureau from Neutrals Committee

Mr. Gallman
Mr. Hawkins
Dr. Perdue
Mr. Bliss

March 22/45 memo from Mr. Peterson to
450 - ECEFP Mr. Hawkins

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The European Neutrals Committee will undertake as one of its first duties the initiation of discussions concerning the document, "United States Proposal for Allied Economic Policy Toward Neutral Countries" which I recently sent you under cover of instruction No. 4985. * This statement has now been approved by the President and discussions will now be initiated in Washington. Any comments or suggestions you may have concerning the document will be helpful to the Committee.

Very truly yours,

For the Secretary of State:

J. M. Clayton

* Filed under 960- ECEFP.

The Committee have also...
The neutrals have not...
They are not committed to...
The neutrals have...
The neutrals will be the only...