On June 20 in a conversation between Marshal Stalin and the American ambassador the necessity was discussed for close collaboration between the Red Army in the East and the Allied forces in the West when their attacks converged on Germany. The ambassador explained that General Marshall and General Eisenhower felt that the need for collaboration was not at that time immediate, but that as the Soviet and Allied forces came closer together the necessity would become more and more urgent. Marshal Stalin agreed that collaboration between these armed forces would be necessary and stated that a small group of staff should be set up at the proper time through which collaboration could be effected. The American ambassador reported this conversation to the President and the United States Chiefs of Staff.

The United States Chiefs of Staff have now directed General/demo to propose the immediate establishment of a tripartite committee in Moscow which would act as a consultative and advisory body for their respective Chiefs of Staff. For membership, they propose a high-ranking member of the Red Army General Staff and the Chiefs of
of the British and United States Military Missions in
Moscow. They emphasize that the committee should of course
have no independent powers of decision but should discuss
in detail all strategical and operational matters of mutual
concern and submit recommendations to their respective
Chiefs of Staff. They further emphasize that the committee
should not impinge on matters now being handled by the
European Advisory Committee, such as civil affairs and so
forth.

General Deane is submitting the proposal to
the Red Army General Staff in accordance with his instruc-
tions, and the Head of the British Military Mission has
had instructions from his Chiefs of Staff to submit a similar
proposal.

It is hoped that a procedure along the lines of
the above can be established in the very near future.

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