Conf. report. Misses Elliott & Morse, H. L. Steiner, Murray, Gustafson, Kunin, Bell

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2 Price Control:

IV Conf.; present: HMJr, Kuhn, White, Foley, O'Connell, and Miss Michener 9/22/41:
Bk. 443, p. 42
Barth report: "Southern Press Opinion on Inflation" 9/22/41 - 443: 113

V Conf.; present: HMJr, Kuhn, Haas, O'Connell, Morris, Foley, Bell, and White 9/23/41 -
443: 174
a) Rukeyser (Merryle S.) drafts
9/22/41 - 443: 103,108

VI Conf.; present: HMJr, Currie, Morris, Kuhn, Foley, O'Connell, Bell, and Haas 9/23/41 -
443: 266
a) Drafts - 443: 306,322,338
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3 Price Control:

Ransom, in Eccles' absence, OK's reference to Fed. Res. System participation 9/23/41:
Bk. 443, p. 358

Actual nothing copy before H.R. Comm. meeting
9 January 7/22/41 444:3, 24, 35

a) Comments

b) Rouse, you, roughly. Finished

(3)
The author explains his own testimony 16/1/17.
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Price Control:
Report of 8/19 meeting

a) Discussion of

1) Division of OPACS into 2 parts
2) Formaldehyde - civilian allocation program
3) Iron and steel scrap - fixing of ceiling prices
4) Auto. license tags - use of steel
5) Cotton grey goods - amendment to price schedule
6) Copper - price ceiling
7) Sugar - price schedule
8) Tin - price schedule
9) Gasoline in Atlantic Coast area - civilian allocation program
10) (Over)
10) Rayon yarn - civilian allocation program

11) Burlap - price schedule

12) Pine lumber (Southern) - price schedule

13) Aluminum (wrought) - amendment to price schedule

14) Copper scrap - price schedule

15) Refrigerants (chlorinated hydrocarbon) - civilian allocation program
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Price Controls
Report of 8/26 meeting  8/30/41

a) Discussion of

1) Auto. curtailment
2) Copper
3) Zinc
4) Scrap steel
5) Henderson's testimony before House Banking and Currency Com.
6) Radio tubes, etc., for replacement use - civilian allocation program
7) Cotton grey goods - price schedule amendment
8) Raw sugar - supplement to price schedule
9) (Over)
9) Oil (Pa. grade crude) - price schedule

10) Rayon grey goods - price schedule

11) Animal hair - price schedule

12) Iron and steel scrap other than railroad scrap - amendment to price schedule

13) Gasoline - table of fair maximum retail prices
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Price Control:
Price Control Com. of OPA (formerly OPACS)
meeting 9/10/41

a) Discussion of

1) Cotton (raw) and its relation
to price of textiles

2) Zinc concentrates: domestic
production of
War Conditions

Procurement Division:

HMJr and Mack discuss Red Cross orders for hospitals in Greece and Yugoslavia, textiles, knitting yarn, mosquito netting, etc.

4/15/41
War Conditions
Puleston, Wm. D. - Capt.: See War Conditions - Special Advisers
War Conditions

Purchases Arranged for and Undelivered:
Survey of Dutch, Belgian, Swedish, Norwegian, and Finnish orders still undelivered.

7/5/40
War Conditions
Purchasing:
Coordination of U.S. and Allied:
See War Conditions: Airplanes - Plant Expansion
War Conditions
Purchasing, Govt.: See Purchasing Govt.
War Conditions
Purchasing Mission: France: Collins' resume
9/5/39

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209: 318A
War Conditions

Purchasing Missions: See War Conditions - Foreign Govts. &c. &c., for (in connection with purchasing)
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Purchasing Missions:

See War Conditions - Foreign Govts., Accts. for
(in connection with purchasing)
War Conditions
Purchasing Missions: See Foreign Govts., Accts. for
War Conditions

Purchasing Mission:
France: Collins' resumé of purchases
10/6-7/39
War Conditions

Huntington Melville (Coordinating Director) signed 10/7/39 8:28 a.m.:

Foreign Govts., Accts. for:

Harrison asks HMJr for formal letter requiring FRB of NY as fiscal agent of U.S. to open accts. 10/11/39 217:15

a) HMJr has asked Eccles not to insist that Bank asked for approval

France: Financial Attaché wishes to open an acct. as quickly as possible 10/11/39 39 28

a) Discusses matter with Cochran, Foley, * and Bernstein 10/12/39

Gt. Britain: resumed 10/12, 16, 17/39 -- -- -- -- 06A, 172A, 256A

Kennedy thinks it unwise for U.S. to suggest where British acct. should be opened

** 10/12, 10/13/39

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** b) Tells Cochran continued delay is embarrassing 10/17/39 217: 267

c) Copies of proposed documents transmitted to FDR by HMJr 10/17/39 286


*** b) Eccles' suggestion after discussion with Ed. 10/17/39 283
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France

See Foreign Corte...Acce...for

Financial resume provided by Bullitt: no need
for credits for at least a year 10/12/39

*S a)

Societe Generale proposal to establish branch
in N.Y. 10/14/39

Coordination of all British and French economic
activities during war (shipping, air production,
supplies of raw materials, munitions, food, and
oil), reported by Bullitt 10/17/39

Joint purchasing mission acceptable
to FDR and HMJr?

b) Hill - HMJr dinner Rk 215 p. 22
* a) Senior Morgan partner (Dean Jay) confirms above in conversation with Bullitt; Britain will probably run into financial difficulties first 10/16/39
War Conditions: The war conditions of Britain are: See also Foreign Govts., Accts. for purchasing mission in Canada not complete.

10/11/39

Ann. residents: Provision of defense (finance) regulations as applying to
10/12/39

Financial situation: Senior Morgan partner (Dean Jay), Paris, tells Bullitt his opinion that St. Britain will run into financial difficulties before France does; thinks France can comfortably finance her needs for at least a yr. 10/16/39
War Conditions

A & Gt. Britain

Coordination of all British and French economic activities during war (shipping, air production, supplies of raw materials, munitions, food, and oil) reported by Bullitt 10/17/39

A joint purchasing mission acceptable to FDR and HMJr?
War Conditions

Purchasing Mission (British-French):

Welles reports to HMJr on Bullitt's resume of text of Monnet agreement concluded in London 10/18/39

Foreign Govts., Accts. for: again discussed by Treas. group 10/19/39

a) HMJr wants assurance that he and FDR will be kept informed of all actions

b) Eccles memo again read

c) Eccles and Harrison join group

1) Eccles gives resume of Bd. discussion 93

2) Harrison admits Congress can appr. (over)
committee to investigate acct. if Fed. Res.


* 1) Harrison explains procedure
2. Purchasing Mission (British-French):

Kennedy reports on build-up undoubtedly leading to cutting off all possible normal trade
10/19/39

a) Kennedy also sees immediate and considerable lessening of prestige of Amn. Ambassador in London

1) HM Jr explains to group
FDR's desire to "protect
Kennedy from himself";
i.e., Kennedy wishes to be
person thru whom info. clears
concerning Amn. securities;
FDR wishes this info. to clear
thru SEC and Treas.

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* 2) Situation discussed by HMJr and Cochran with Pinsent and Osborne (Bk. of England): FDR and HMJr wish consultations held on this side of Atlantic by Treas. and SEC 10/19/39

218: 177

3) For discussion of Kennedy cable with FDR sec Bk 219 p. 9 (Arm. security holds up reported)
War Conditions
3 Purchasing Mission (British-French):

Pinsent and Osborne (Bk. of England) discuss situation with HMJr and Cochran 10/19/39

(urgent-Berlin later)

a) HMJr explains slight modification of original idea (approved by FDR): same procedure as in case of airplane purchases — Fed. Res. Bk. to carry accts. of Central Bks. of Gt. Britain and France

b) Ann. Embassy, London, so informed 10/21/39
Ward Coolidge

Purchasing Mission: 

Bristol Airplane Co.: representatives consulted with Osborne in Canada; financing of possible

business discussed. 10/27/39 0219: 2-55
War Conditions
Purchasing Mission
France: Collins' xsum 10/29/39 219:254A
War Conditions

3. Purchasing Mission (British-French):
   Kennedy resume of cables concerning acct. in N.Y.,
   disposition of Amn. securities, etc., as discussed
   by FDR, HMJr, Hanes, and Frank 10/24/39  219: 9
   a) British do not wish to send dollars to
       U.S.; preliminary outline of marketable
       securities equals only £200 million; marketing discussed

   1) Kennedy told U.S. must preserve
       neutrality of actions, therefore
       details of sales should be decided
       by British -- U.S. to be informed,
       however, so that interests
       could be protected ("Treas. and SEC
       to be used")
War Conditions

Purchasing Mission (British-French)

2) Kennedy indicates agreement in reply; finds British "already sufficiently frightened so that they do not wish to cause any ill-will in America"; Kennedy calls attention also to future liquidation by French of Amn. securities.

3) Treas. answer concerning (a) borrowing against Amn. securities, and (b) Montagu Norman's suggestion that a Canadian bank in N.Y. be liquidating agent.

   a) Conf. of Treas. personnel to prepare answer 10/24, 39

   b) List prepared for FDR but not sent
War Conditions

Purchasing Mission (British-French):

Final arrangements (British): Kennedy reports after talks with Norman and Simon:
(1) acct. will be opened with FRB of NY;
(2) liquidation of securities will be thru Canadian bank -- Walter K. Whigham, of Robert Fleming and Co., will probably be in N.Y. next wk. to make all arrangements 10/26/39

Bristol Airplane Co. Reps. consult with Osborne in Canada; financing of possible purchases discussed 10/27/39
War End Times

Purchasing Mission:

France: Collins' resume of purchases 1930/39 220:132A
War Conditions

Purchasing Mission (British-French):
Chancellor of Exchequer agrees in message to U.S. Treas. (1) to open & special acct. with FRB of NY to which HMJr may have personal and confidential access; (2) to send Walter Whigham (Sr. Partner, Robert Fleming and Co.) to assist Washington Amb. in disposal of securities; details to be discussed with Treas. and SEC; (3) Whigham to act subsequently as British Security Expert 10/30/39

220: 179
a) Pinsent, HMJr, and Cochran discuss 174
b) Fed. Res. System so informed 10/30/39 190
c) Whigham confers with Kennedy on revised list of available securities 10/31/39 278
War Conditions

1 Purchasing Mission (British-French):

France:

Finance arrangements finally agreed upon by Finance Ministry and Bank of France; instructions will shortly reach Leroy-Deaulieu 11/2/39

a) Estimate of probable purchases during first yr. of war

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Bullitt's letter to FDR urging urging that Monnet visit Washington in connection with enlarging productive capacity of U.S. airplane industry and then head committee in London; Bob Brand suggested as head of Joint Purchasing Mission in U.S.:
* a) HL Jr and FDR discuss 11/3/39  221: 150
   1) Cochran resume of Monnet's
      past connections with
      Gt. Britain 11/4/39

** b) Cariguel and Knoke discuss Treasury's
      preference for acct. in name of
      foreign central bank rather than
      foreign govt. 11/6/39  253
War Conditions

2 Purchasing Mission (British-French):

France:

Bloch-Lainé (partner in Lazard Frères, Paris) to head French purchasing mission; HMJr wishes no further contact with reps. until FDR's instructions are received; Leroy-Beaulieu so informed by Cochran 11/4/39 221: 224

Collins resume of purchase 11/4/39 221: 239A.
War Conditions

3 Purchasing, Mission (British-French):

Gt. Britain:

Assets not unlimited; therefore purchase of commodities in U.S. (tobacco, films, apples, etc.) not strictly required must be curtailed — Simon informs Kennedy

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Conf.; present: HMJr, Cochran, Sir James Rae, Mr. Pinsent, Sir Owen Chalkley, Mr. Turvis

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a) Draft of communiqué announcing establishment of purchasing mission office in N.Y. and explaining connection with Canadian group

* discussed
1) HMJr asks that release be deferred until neutrality bill is signed by FDR.

b) HMJr explains he is "merely pinch hitting for present"; FDR will definitely determine method of liaison within next few days.

c) French plans for establishing banking arrangements in N.Y. nearing completion.
War Conditions

4. Purchasing Mission (British-French):
   HMJr's attitude toward serving as liaison officer:
   a) Explains he is merely "pinch-hitting at conf. with St. Britain's reps."
      11/3/39
   b) In connection with Bloch Lainé's x appt. as head of French purchasing mission, HMJr tells Cochran he wishes no further contact with reps. until FDR's instructions are received 11/4/39
   c) Tells Cochran Me is "becoming more and more convinced that" (over)
he should not act as adviser to these visiting foreign groups 11/6/39  221: 255

d) Suggests to FDR that committee be set up with reps. from Army, Navy, and Treas. who will report thru McReynolds to FDR  11/7/39

1) Conf.; present: HMJr, McReynolds, Collins, Graves, and Cochran
   11/8/39

2) HMJr explains plan to Pinsent and Leroy-Beaulieu  11/8/39
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Purchasing Mission (En-Fr.)

HMSJr's memo to FDR: "3 categories of business relations between U.S. and foreign countries."

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War Conditions

Purchasing Mission (British-French): France:

Procedure for handling war purchases not yet worked out -- Bullitt reports
11/10/39

France and Gt. Britain should have separate purchasing agencies which have continuing contact and coordination with each other:

FDR's wish as transmitted by Hull to Bullitt
11/10/39
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Purchasing Mission (British-French):

Monnet to head organization with main office in London: Bullitt cable 11/18/39 223: 27

a) British-French Board for synchronization between purchasing missions of Gt. Britain and France and with U.S. Govt. also to be established: Arthur Purvis to be chairman

1) Daladier anxious to know whether Purvis is persona grata in the highest degree to U.S. Govt.

Joint mission lauded in entire French press 11/18/39

British and French foreign exchange resources:

White memo 11/21/39
a) Approval indicated in reply
11/20/39
War Conditions

2 Purchasing Mission (British-French):

France:

Duralumin: Speed-up of French orders placed with Aluminum Corp. of America considered by Welles and Collins 11/21/39 223: 147

a) To be discussed at conf. in War Dept. — Wilbur, of Aluminum Corp. of America, to be present 11/21/39 209

b) Actual conf.; present: Chief of Army Air Corps, 2 reps. from Navy Air Corps, rep. from Johnson's office, Wilbur, and Collins 11/22/39 237

1) Johnson's interest in meeting discussed by HMJr and Collins: See Book 224, page 137
War Conditions

3  Purchasing Mission (British-French)

Grant Britain:

Disposal of British-owned dollar securities on Amn. mkt. discussed by Whigham, Gifford, Pinsent, HMJr, Frank, Cochran, and Butterworth  11/20/39  223: 93

  a) HMJr explains neither U.S. Govt. nor any of its agencies should make loans against these securities
  b) Publicity discussed
  c) Liquidation of indirect investments also discussed
  d) Discussed by Treas. group and Frank  11/21/39

  1) Cochran memo on meeting in Frank’s office 11/21/39  156

  2) HI. J. explains neither U.S. Govt. nor any of its agencies should make loans against these securities
  3) Publicity discussed
  4) Liquidation of indirect investments also discussed
  5) Discussed by Treas. group and Frank 11/21/39

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Purchasing Mission (British-French):

Journal Officiel carries first measure
(special committee of programs and
Allied purchases) which will undertake
to work out French end of such purchases

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Daladier reports to FDR and HLWr completion
of general arrangements between France and
England/coordination of economic war effort

11/25/39

Press comment on appts. of Monnet and Purvis

11/27/39

Pierre Denis (associate of Monnet) discusses co-
ordination with Bullitt 11/28/39

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request of Daladier reported

b) Couve de Murville discusses "somewhat complicated system" with Bullitt
11/28/39
War Conditions
Purchasing Mission (British-French):
Purvis to be received by HMWr 11/28/39 224: 79
War Conditions
Purchasing Mission (British-French)
Gr. Acceptance and making payments against certificates authorized by British Air Attache in Washington by FRB of NY not acceptable:
Knoke tells Bolton 11/28/39
224: 343
War Conditions
Purchasing Mission (British-French):
France:
Kennedy in Paris to ascertain amount of securities held by French in U.S. and to ascertain plans made by French Govt. for liquidation of same  11/29/39  225: 1
Reynaud and Bullitt confer on financial resources of France  11/30/39  190
a) Reynaud does not anticipate any liquidation of French holdings in U.S. in immediate future
b) Bullitt's impression is that foreign exchange resources of France and Great Britain will be so exhausted within one yr. that financial problem will be a serious one
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Purchasing Mission (British-French):

Gt. Britain:

Conf. present: HMJr, Furvis, Greenley, Major Davis, Chalkley, Pinsent, Collins, Cochran, and Butterworth 11/29/39

a) Acct. in the name of Bk. of Eng. upon which members of British Purchasing Commission and Central Bd. of Purchasing Commission may check now opened with FRB of NY

b) Transactions involving over $100 million at same time $50 million in gold from Canada is sold also discussed; HMJr regrets that Embassy was not kept advised.

1) HMJr hopes this sort of situation can be straightened out informally.
* (For Cochran memo, see page 61)
War Conditions

Purchasing Mission (British-French):

2 Gt. Britain:
c) Coordination of purchases between British and French also discussed
d) HMJr also explains he has been released as "pinch-hitter" by FDR

Foley opinion on whether N.Y. agency of Bank of Montreal could legally advance dollars to British Govt. collateralized by Amn. securities owned by British Govt. or British natls. under Johnson Act and Neutrality Act of 1939 11/29/39 225: 45
War Conditions
Purchasing Mission (British-French):

France:

Jaoul, André' (director of an important French electro-chemical and electro-metallurgical concern) to go to London as French member of the permanent exec. com. on armaments and raw materials: has great expectations of coordination agreement between British and French 12/4/39
War Conditions
Purchasing Mission (British–French):

Ct. Britain:

Delay by British Govt. discussed by Whigham, Gifford, Pinsent, Hanes, Cochran, Butterworth, and Stewart

12/1/39

a) Outcome of discussion at SEC reported to Treas.
War Conditions

Purchasing Mission (British-French):

France:

Leroy-Beaulieu to acquaint HMJr (formally) with Bank of France's decision to open special acct. with FRB of NY

12/6/39
War Conditions

Purchasing Mission (British-French):

Gt. Britain:

Bk. of Eng. Account A set up: checks to be signed by any two of the following:

Purvis, Greenley, Rae, and Osborne

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227: 43
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Purchasing Mission (British-French):
Motor Situation for 1940: Collins' resume
12/7/39
War Conditions

Purchasing Mission (British-French):

U.S. Committee set up by FDR consisting of

Director of Procurement, Treas.; Quartermaster
General, Army; Paymaster General, Navy

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War Conditions

Purchasing Mission (British-French):
Financial Agreement: text obtained by Amn. Embassy,
Paris, from Couve de Murville 12/11/39

a) Reynaud's discussion with press reported by Amn. Embassy, Paris 12/12/39

b) Summary presented by British Embassy 12/12/39

l) Pinsent regrets that delay in transmission has prevented his giving U.S. Treas. first word 12/13/39

c) Amn. Embassy, London, comments on text as circulated in Parliament 12/13/39
War Conditions

Purchasing Mission (British-French):

CT. Britain:

Butterworth and Cochran confer at HMJr’s home

a) Butterworth reports on interview between Whigham and Kennedy;
British reps. in U.S. arranging for disposal of British-owned
dollar securities hampered by lack of precise instructions: British Treas.
prefers to hold securities and Gov. Norman, of Bk. of Eng., prefers to hold gold

1) HMJr agrees with Gov. Norman
2) HMJr instructs Butterworth to report to British Treas. that delay in handling securities has made
bad impression in U.S.
War Conditions

2 Purchasing Mission (British-French):

   a) Purchasing in Britain:

   b) Molybdenum discussed: Hochschild and two other members of the industry join the group.

1) Industrialists promise memo setting forth position concerning exports and possible offsets by European govt. -- Butterworth to discuss entire matter in Paris next week.

   a) H.M.Jr thinks this places British face to face with question of sacrificing certain business interests to prevent necessary metals reaching enemy
War Conditions

32 Purchasing Mission (British-French)

Gt. Britain:

b) Butterworth does not think that British will adopt economic sanctions against U.S.S.R.

Special Acct.:

HM Jr asks FRB of NY for weekly confidential report; Harrison states instructions do not include authority for such report.

12/12/39

a) HM Jr dismisses agreement with Harrison 228:191

b) Pinsent to be asked to arrange 228:250

c) Pinsent confers with Cochran 12/13/39 256

d) Authorization aid for Box of England 11/30/39 229:56
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Purchasing Mission (British-French):

Great Britain: at

Pinsent calls/Treas. where HM Jr expresses

disappointment the Whigham and Gifford
departed *without the vesting taking place

of some 60 securities as recommended in

full agreement with the views of U.S. Treas.

and SEC" 12/15/39 229:239

a) Draft of cablegram to be sent to 250

London
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-Munitions-Board- Purchasing Mission (Av.-Fr.)

Gen. Watson asks HMJr to see him, Gen. Arnold,
and Col. Burns 12/18/39 230: 34.

a) Watson memo that he has told FDR
12/19/39 298

b) HMJr discusses purpose of visit
with Collins 12/19/39 351
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Punching Mission (Brr. - Fr.)

Gr. Brr.:

Aircraft production program: Aluminum.

Purvis' letter to H. W. S. regarding Butterworth's telegraph concerning acute shortage which is causing some delay.

12/19/39

(a) Purvis' phone to Mrs. Klotz 12/19/39

(b) Butterworth asked by State Dept. for authority for

over 230: 368

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War Conditions

Purchasing Mission (British-French):

Gt. Britain:

Riverdale, Lord: Pinsent requests HMJr to see Lord Riverdale regarding alloys (see Mrs. Klotz's note that HMJr does not want to see Riverdale because he wants to confine his dealings with Purvis) 12/18/39

230: 90
War Conditions

Purchasing Mission (British-French):

Franco-British Financial Accord: Price levels - relative equilibrium for British and French discussed by Bullitt and Couve de Murville

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231: 193
War Conditions

Purchasing Mission (British-French):
Resume of orders provided HAJJr by Gen. Arnold
12/21/39

a) Spitfire planes also discussed
War Conditions
Purchasing Mission (British-French):
U.S. Committee:
Letter prepared by Johnson and signed by Edison questioning legality of Comm. discussed by HMJr and Collins 12/20/39 231: 2
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Purchasing Mission (British-French):
Plant capacity, amortization, etc., discussed by Purvis and HMJr 12/22/39 232: 21

DuPont: Difficulties (depreciation, etc.) discussed by Purvis and HMJr
12/22/39 22
a) HMJr recommends that Treas. formula/ 
ex already set up be discussed by Purvis and Sullivan; feels that when all details are worked out time can be saved on all future orders 12/22/39

1) Instructions to Sullivan to discuss

Obsolescence discussed by Sullivan and White in light of Foley memo and Viner criticism thereof 12/27/39

a) Collins, Purvis, Pleven, Bloch-Laime, etc., also consult with Sullivan

b) Internal Revenue memo as presented to Sullivan
War Conditions

Purchasing Mission (British-French):

France:

Bullitt sponsors Pleven who wishes to discuss greatly increased orders for engines and airplanes:

a) Purvis consulted about conf.; HMJr wishes to see no one except through head of mission 12/22/39

b) Conf. arranged; present: Purvis, Pleven, HMJr, Cochran, Collins, White 12/22/39

1) HMJr offers all facilities and assistance of Sullivan and Collins

c) Bullitt informed of conf.
War Conditions

Purchasing Mission (British-French):

2 France:

Airplanes: HMJr asks Collins on situation with regard to Curtiss P-40's
12/22/39

Leroy-Beaulieu departing for France
asked to deliver two messages:
(1) Treas. still waiting for amt. of money French plan to spend in U.S. during coming year, and
how much will come from gold and how much from securities; and (2) airplane situation:
resume to be given Bullitt
12/29/39
War Conditions

Purchasing Mission (British–French):

France:

Special acct. to be opened in name of Bank of France with FRB of NY, effective Jan. 1, 1940

Cochran memo 12/29/39

232: 343

Purvis and Mellon confer with NUR,
Cochran, Collins, and
12/30/39

a) Matthews (Paris Embassy) conf. with members of Ministry of
Blockade reported
War Conditions
Purchasing Mission (British-French):
Gt. Britain:

Rivendale, Lord: English agent for Climax Molybdenum - HM Jr tells Purvis he has just found out 12/22/39

232: 18
War Conditions

Purchasing Mission (British-French):

U.S. Committee: HMJr asks Welles to clear set-up with FDR personally and then notify French and British Embassies 12/28/39 232: 238

a) HMJr tells Collins he asked FDR to tell Welles to notify the Embassies 240

b) Collins to be taken to White House also

c) Collins, Purvis, and Pleven meet FDR 12/29/39

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Purchasing Mission Acct. with FRB of NY:
Rousseau long-distances Bk. of France that
instructions be clarified so that Secy. of
Treas. may have personal and confidential
access to acct., etc. 1/2/40 233: 13, 134,
168, 225, 227

* See also War Conditions

American activities owned abroad
War Conditions

Purchasing Mission - Gt. Britain:

Gold and securities - approximate proportion in making payments in U.S. discussed in Bullitt memo 1/10/40

(For Cochran memo on Conv. with Fris-White being passed - as to Trans. answer see Bx235 p.29)

See also War Conditions

American securities owned abroad
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Purchasing Mission (British-French): to be

Amn. Embassy, Paris, reports on amounts spent
during month of January 1/17/40

Machine Tools: Summary of purchases thru

Jan. 20, 1940
War Conditions

Purchasing Mission (British-French):
- Roper (Daniel) reported to be accepting commission to negotiate sales 1/24/40
  - 237: 288
  - a) HMJr discusses with Noble 1/25/40
    - 370, 380
- French Minister of Armament asks for urgent assistance in obtaining Thompson sub-machine guns and machine tools for immediate shipment 1/25/40
  - 324

* See also Arm. Sec's written council above

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* 1) Nobles answer 1/26/40 Bk 238:21
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Purchasing Mission (British-French):

U.S. Committee:

FDR notifies Secys. of War, Navy, and Treas. that informal committee has been set up
(Captain Collins (Procurement Div., Treas.),
Major Gen. Gibbins (Quartermaster Gen., Army),
Rear Admiral Spear (Paymaster Gen., Navy))

1/23/40

a) White House again asked to announce so-called Collins Bd.; Early agrees;
HMJr does not wish French affair repeated.

1/22/40

1) HMJr asks Bell, Gaston, and Schwarz to prepare release

2) FDR's reaction reported by Early to Gaston 1/23/40
War Conditions

Purchasing Mission (British-French)

Paris, Amn. Embassy, Cables for Treas.:

Matthews (Amn. Embassy, Paris) asked by HMJr not to cable to Treas. about matters other than financial; Purvis and Bloch-Laine should handle all purchasing mission details 1/26/40

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3) Curtiss-Wright contract and formula used (worked out by Knudsen) for building plant) given to Purvis in conf.

a) Conf. between Curtiss-Wright reps. and Defense Advisory Committee at which no reps. of Treas. or Allied Purchasing Mission were present: Curtiss-Wright points out "you don't want belligerent govt's to own plants" and change of govt(u.k)
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10/15/40

1) Purvis suggests that he himself draw up new and simple report

2) Clearing everything through Purchasing Mission again strongly recommended by HMJr

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a) Approval by HMJr in future for armaments for any country must carry certification by Chief of Staff or Chief of Naval Operations that they can be used by U.S. in time of danger

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a) Buckley-Cox memo: "Utilization by Canadians or British of Aircraft Mfg. Facilities now having Army and Navy Contracts but with which neither the Canadians nor British now have contracts"

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Tungsten: Navy contract for - Graves memo 10/17/39
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Strategic War Materials:

Quicksilver: Building up of reserves reported on by Graves 10/18/39

a) Priority lists (1st, 2nd, and 3rd) as fixed by Munitions Bd.

Tungsten: Navy contract for; Currie memo to FDR; Admiral Spear's memo

a) HMJR's memo to FDR 10/23/39

b) Procurement memo to HMJR

Manganese: Bids reported on proposal opened on 10/19/39 - 10/23/39
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Strategic War Materials:

Tin-plate Scrap: Licenses for exportation of tin-plate scrap during 1940 to be discussed at meeting of National Munitions Control Board - 11/21/39

a) Basil Harris to represent Treas.
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Strategic War Materials:

Edison discusses with HJWR balance of $90 million ($100 million lump sum appropriation) which Navy Munitions Bd. is now asking for

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Armor Plate: Edison at Cabinet meeting denies HEWl's statement that no part of $6 million especially granted by Congress has been spent; Edison states that some of the money had been spent for the Navy's own plant in W. Va.

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Molybdenum: Hochschild (Harold), of Climax Molybdenum Co., asked to confer with HEW Jr concerning recent sales to Amtorg (U.S.S.R.)

12/4/39

a) White memo on uses, world production, etc.

b) Collins memo giving officers of Climax Molybdenum Co. 12/4/39

c) Hochschild memo giving world production
and consumption by certain countries
12/5/39
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2 Strategic War Materials:

Molybdenum:

Bullitt and Jaoul confer concerning supplies

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Strategic War Materials:
Molybdenum:

1) Discussion between HMJr and Hochschild:
Hochschild shows HMJr telegram from a Climax stockholder in Eng. suggesting they stop selling to Russia; HMJr says he will take up matter with France and Eng. to see if they could increase their purchases 12/6/39

a) Hochschild's letter enclosing memo on Russian imports of lead and copper 12/7/39

b) Hochschild 'phones & worries about their laborers being laid off; HMJr says he will use every effort to get new business from Eng., France,
and U.S., and FDR wants to include Japan in moral embargo 12/7/39 227: 153

c) U.S.S.R. and Japan not to be sold molybdenum in future - Hochschild reports to HMJr 12/8/39

1) HMJr so informs Purvis 407
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Purchases: HI Jr's letter to Collins quoting memorandum of Dec. 6th from FDR and asking Collins to carry out its instructions
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Tungsten and Tin: Chinese production reported by Kung to Chen for H.M.Jr; shown to FDR 12/11/39  
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* b) Cochran memo on conf. with Chen
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Japan: Moral embargo applied against
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Obligations incurred to date: Collins memo 12/16/39

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Control of - Puleston-White memo 12/16/39 12 from China

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a) Transportation problems; plans for centralizing purchase in China; export trade monopolies;

memo from Embassy at Chungking
2 Strategic War Materials:

Memo on high-speed steels - recent developments:
prepared by E. Houdremont and H. Shrader 230: 197

Memo on high-speed steels low in tungsten and
free from tungsten: prepared by R. Scherer 225

Digest of molybdenum high-speed steels
presented by Climax Molybdenum Co. of Mich. 237

Report of high-speed steel containing
6% molybdenum, 6% tungsten 254

Germany's drive for mineral self-sufficiency
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Tungsten and Tin: Lochhead memo giving
Chinese production, etc. 12/19/39 314
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3 Strategic War Materials:

Octane Gas: Viner's statement to HMJr that State Dept. has asked manufacturers who have processes for making octane gas in Russia and Japan to immediately withdraw their experts

12/19/39

Aluminum: Purvis' letter to HMJr regarding Butterworth's telephone call concerning acute shortage which is holding up British Govt.'s aircraft production program

12/19/39

Sir Pakenham Mission

Gr. For.
War Conditions

Strategic War Materials:

Molybdenum:

Admiral Stark confers with HMJr; Stark states that moral embargo will not in any way interfere with program of US Army and Navy 12/16/39

Admiral Stark asked by HMJr to confer with members of the industry 12/18/39

a) HMJr discusses proposed interview with Hochschild; subject to be discussed is increased use of molybdenum in United States 12/18/39
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Memo on price policy of Climax Molybdenum Co.
12/15/39
Digest of molybdenum high-speed steels presented by Climax Molybdenum Co. of Michigan
Report of high-speed steel containing 6% molybdenum, 6% tungsten
Climax's letter to State Dept. on moral embargo and attached draft of letter to Climax's stockholders 12/19/39
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Strategic War Materials:

Molybdenum, nickel, and tungsten situation (possible embargo to Japan and Russia and increased orders by England and France) again discussed by HMJr and Purvis 12/22/39

Molybdenum: Climax Molybdenum Co.: copy of letter to be addressed to stockholders sent to State Dept. and Treas. 12/26/39

Lamp Black: Wollner memo 12/28/39

Purvis and Pleven confer with HMJr, Cochran, Collins, and Glasser 12/30/39

a) Molybdenum, tungsten, and ferro-alloys: Matthews (Paris Embassy) conf. with members of Ministry of Blockade discussed

b) Bullitt's report to Hull and HMJr
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Strategic Materials:

HMJr informs FDR of appreciation of British and French Govts. of efforts to establish control over export and re-export of essential alloys 1/2/40

a) Rist to visit U.S. in this connection
b) HMJr gives Welles copy of report to FDR for Hull

Lampblack: Wollner memo (supplemental) 1/2/40 93

Copper: Collins and HMJr discuss filtering thru of U.S. purchases from Russia to Germany 1/2/40

a) Purvis asks HMJr to investigate 1/2/40 104

Molybdenum: Purvis reports on Cananea Mine in Mexico 1/2/40 101
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Strategic Materials:

Molybdenum
Bullitt, etc., Butterworth reports on conf. with Rist/in Paris on his way back from U.S. to London; molybdenum, aluminum, etc., discussed 1/22/40

Tin and Rubber: HM Jr asks Noble for figures on supply and exports to Russia in connection with Louis Johnson’s statement 1/22/40

Tungsten: Amn. Embassy, Paris, reports on discussion or purchases which may eventually reach Germany and Russia 1/23/40
* a) White memo on re-exports of tin and rubber

1/24/40

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Quartz Crystals: Re-exports of—White memo  2/5/40  239: 238

Rubber and Tin: Treas. answer to letters from Noble (Commerce Department) concerning re-exports  2/6/40  264
  a) Discussed at 9:30 meeting  2/6/40  396

Tin: Chen reports to HMJr on first step in plan for monthly shipments of 800 tons  2/6/40  389
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Climax Molybdenum Co.: Shipments to Russia discussed by Cochran 2/7/40 240: 87
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Strategic Materials:

Collins memo on tungsten and chrome:
$12,500,000 provided in appn. bill
for 1941  2/16/40
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Strategic Materials:
Molybdenum:
Shipments to Italy during 1939 and 2 months of 1940 compared; possibility of trans-shipping 2/21/40

Shipments to U.S.S.R. discussed in
Cochran memo to HMJr 2/21/40

"Toning up of consumption in 1940" discussed
by Purvis and HMJr 2/26/40

Cobalt discussed by HMJr and Purvis 2/26/40

Nickel: Canadian exports to Japan and U.S. by years, 1929-1939
a) Tentative proposals for allocation (over)
of exports direct from Canada to other than European destinations (2/20/40)
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Strategic Materials:

Molybdenum:

Shipments to U.S.S.R. discussed in Cochran memo 2/28/40  

Smokeless Powder:

Conf. on supplies for British; present: HMJr, Sullivan, Admirals Spear and Furlong  

2/28/40  

a) Edison-HMJr conversation  

b) Purvis-HMJr
War Conditions
Strategic Materials:

Smokeless Powder:

Navy (Rear Admiral Spear) memo for HAJr concerning request of Anglo-French Purchasing Mission for release of supply by Army and Navy 3/1/40

a) Johnson's memo to FDR calling attention to fact that smokeless powder is on priority list 244: 85

b) Watson's memo to FDR stating that Navy has promised, under certain circumstances, to offer 600,000 pounds now in reserve 92

c) Purvis-HAJr conversation 3/1/40 107
War Conditions
Strategic Materials:

Smokeless Powder:

Release by Army and Navy OK'd by
FDR and Watson instructed to so inform Secys.

of Army and Navy 3/4/40

a) Edison-HM Jr conversation

b) Purvis-HM Jr

c) Admiral Spear-HM Jr

(Army-Navy)

Govt.-Owned Powder Factories, Capacity of:

Collins memo 3/5/40
War Conditions
Strategic Materials:

Nickel: Proposals for allocation of exports from Canada to other than European destinations discussed in Purvis memo 3/10/40 246: 187
War Conditions
Strategic Materials:

Smokeless Powder:
Spear-HMJr conversation 3/7/40

a) Spear reports release of powder to British has not yet gone through
   1) Spear states Navy was instructed to secure letter from DuPont and Hercules asking Navy permission to make the release or sale; DuPont has refused

b) HMJr instructs Spear to release powder anyway "since FDR at no time raised that point"
War Conditions
2 Strategic Materials: Smokeless Powder:

Finnish request for 1500 tons (3 million pounds) discussed by Edison and HMJr
3/7/40

a) Edison points out Navy can release only 600,000 pounds; if all this is released to British, there can be none for release to other nations

Indian Head Powder Factory: Report on facilities
3/7/40

Woodring and HMJr discuss Johnson's memo; 3/11/40

Woodring says everything is OK and he does not understand Johnson's objections
3/11/40
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3 Smokeless Powder:

Navy-War correspondence concerning the
600,000 lbs.; Navy can release
3/12/40

a) Johnson memo: War Dept. will not
require this within next 4 mos. 324

b) Navy (Furlong) memo to DuPont
accepting deferred delivery 3/11/40 329
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c) Hines (Chmn., Army-Navy Munitions Bd.)
memo concerning Col. Burns' visit and
discussion of availability of Navy Dept.
powder to Army if needed 3/9/40 330
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Strategic Materials:
4 Smokeless Powder:

Conf.; present: HMJr, Furlong (Chief - Bur. of Ordnance, Navy Dept.), Spear (Chief - Bur. of Supplies and Accts., Navy Dept.), and Collins
3/12/40

246: 361

a) Army to be consulted as to whether 1,200,000 lbs. of powder to be released is from Army reserve acct.
HMJr tells Collins he is going to persuade Edison to tell DuPont that the English may have the Navy's 600,000 lbs. 3/14/40 247: 69

Woodring plan "so that English and French will get what they need": Collins explains plan to HMJr insofar as he understands it 3/14/40 69
* a) Edison-HMJr conversation 247: 148
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Strategic Materials:

Nickel: Canadian future shipments to Japan postponed - Purvis informs HMJr who notifies FDR 3/20/40

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Strategic Materials:

Toluol: Collins discusses with State Dept.

3/28/40

Oil: Iranian sales to Japan of some 120,000 tons of crude oil discussed by B. R. Jackson in letter to British Embassy 3/28/40
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Strategic Materials:
Smokeless Powder:

Canadian expansion program: Dupont desire to benefit U.S. at this time rather than Canada discussed at conf.; present: HMJr., Johnson, Tex Burns, Collins, and Sullivan
4/17/40

a) Purvis and HMJr discuss
b) Collins' memo released without HMJr's approval discussed by HMJr and Collins 4/17/40

Plan by which Hercules Powder Co. would make the gun-cotton and Dupont would turn it into nitro-cellulose powder discussed by HMJr, Purvis, and Young 4/18/40
War Conditions
Strategic Materials:
Wolfram:
  Resumed of situation as presented by Purvis

Tin:
  Re-export clause to be inserted in all contracts
War Conditions
Strategic Materials:
Smokeless Powder:

Additional facilities for Hercules Powder Co. [Bold] in U.S. and in Canada
   a) Letter from Hercules Powder Co. to War Dept.  (4/5/40)  254: 212
   b) Johnson (War Dept.) memo to FDR  (4/8/40)  210
   c) FDR's memo to Johnson  4/15/40  209
War Conditions
Strategic Materials:
Nickel:
Canada: Canadians have stopped selling nickel to Japan and U.S.S.R.; HMJr suggests that FDR comment appreciably to Mackenzie King
4/23/40
War Conditions
Strategic Materials:
Smokeless Powder:

Purvis memo on explosives needed and ordered by Allies 4/22/40

a) BMJr discusses with Sullivan and Young
War Conditions
Strategic Materials:

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Carbon black, tantalum, columbium, cobalt, industrial diamonds, chromium: White memos on
4/25/40
War Conditions
Strategic Materials:

(Chrome:

"Three significant producers from whom Germany can obtain supplies over land:
Turkey, Greece, and N Yugoslavia"

4/25/40

(Cobalt Report 4/25/40

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Discussed at conf. by HJ Jr., Purvis, Fleece, Collins, Young, and White

4/25/40

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Strategic Materials:
Cryolite deposits in Greenland: Memo concerning
4/24/40

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Strategic Materials:
Smokeless Powder:

Johnson and Burns asked by HMJF to consult
with him prior to meeting with Allied
Purchasing Mission

4/24/40

a) Canada's lack of experience in
manufacture reported and question
asked whether U.S. would assist
if manufacture in Canada is undertaken
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Atlas Powder Co. asks for "transfer of an
ammonia oxidation unit presently at
Picatinny Arsenal" 4/23/40

Conf.: present: reps. of Treas., War, and Navy

prior to meeting with Allied Purchasing
Mission 4/25/40
H. W. Jr., Parris, Plewa, Collins & Young, Jr.

(No date given)

1. Army. Navy felt U.S. production must be built up first; when this is done, then U.S. allocation to increase production can be done. The Navy expects to increase production by 50,000 tons. Canada will soon catch up. However, they will achieve 2,500,000 pounds per month when the plant is fully operational. No machinery can be released.
War Conditions
Strategic Materials:
Tungsten
See War Conditions: China
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Strategic Materials: of

U.S. Purchases: Resumed/approx. for -

Collins memo 4/27/40 258: 53

Informal Committee really doing work for Army and Navy Munitions Bd. consists of Feis and Green (State Dept.), 2 Army officers, and 2 Navy officers; Young suggests to HMJR need for close contact with Committee 4/29/40 118

Tin and Rubber Contracts: Restrictive clause discussed at conf. with Thurman Arnold and reps. of the industries 4/29/40 119

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Strategic Materials:
Smokeless Powder:
HMJr, at Indian Head, told that by adding
175 men, making two shifts, 2,500,000 lbs.
more powder can be manufactured and made
available by June/1, 1940
5/2/40
a) Charts and specifications
brought back by HMJr

b) Army agrees to increase

Tin and Rubber: Welles’ memo to FDR
concerning increasing importance of
5/3/40
War Conditions: Strategic Materials - Aluminum

Roumania:

Shipments of aluminum, oil, steel, etc., from
M.Y.: Collins memo 5/6/40 260: 14,152

H.M.Jr and J. Edgar Hoover consult concerning
aluminum shipments by

Same kind of agreement as with Norway and Denmark
requested by Roumanian Minister 5/9/40 386,387
* For additional FBI report, see Book 262:

5/10/40

page 197
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Strategic Materials:
Cobalt, carbon black, columbium, tantalum, and industrial diamonds: Army and Navy Munitions Bd. study reveals that none of these alloys is strategic and therefore should not be placed under moral embargo
5/6/40

Smokeless Powder: Naval powder factory increasing production and therefore releases capacity at duPont plant of approx. 2,500,000 lbs. yearly: Copy of Navy Dept. memo to duPont 5/4/40

a) Purvis informed 265

b) Army may interfere: Purvis so informed 5/8/40 272
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Strategic Materials:
Tin and Rubber:

Welles memo transmitting informal opinion by Thurman Arnold regarding clauses in contracts of sale guarding against re-exportation in conflict with U.S. Govt. policy 5/8/40 260: 283
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Strategic Materials:
Stock
- Output, cesspit, and principal processing districts - 5/7/40

Tungsten: Stettinius thanked for info. and asked for more 5/8/40
War Conditions
Strategic Materials:
U.S.: Deficiency item of $12,500,000 approved by
FDR 5/8/40
a) HMJr's letter to Welles concerning
5/9/40
War Conditions
Strategic Materials:
Aluminum:

Italian ship sails with large supply

5/10/40
Deficiency item for additional funds discussed by E. H. Dasher and Martin (Budget Bur.) withTreasury group 5/10/40
War Conditions
Strategic Materials:
Molybdenum:
Shipments of 5/13/40
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Strategic Materials:


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Strategic Materials:
Agriculture plan to use Stab. Fund for purchase of
discussed by HMJr and Hopkins
5/16/40

a) HMJr discusses at 9:30 meeting
5/16/40

b) Copy of plan

263: 138
160
333
War Conditions
Strategic Materials:
Smokeless Powder:
HMJr again pushes immediate production of the 2,500,000 lbs. by duPont after needed release 5/16/40
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Strategic Materials:

Smokeless Powder:

Conf.; present: HMJr, Purvis, Henner, Young, Sullivan, Bloch-Laine, and Bradway (DuPont)

5/22/40

Resume of deliveries by duPont 5/23/40 191,203, 265: 16, 50

a) Compton (Navy Dept.) memo 205

Tungsten:
Consumption in stocks on hand of U.S. Steel Corp. (confidential info.): White memo 5/22/40 92
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HM Jr and Marshall confer 5/25/40 266: 85
War Conditions
Strategic Materials:
Smokeless Powder:

Johnson asked by HMJr concerning continued delay on delivery to Allies in spite of FDR's orders XXX 5/24/40 266: 1,5

a) Johnson memo 5/24/40

Leroy-Beaulieu discusses creation of one or two corporations in U.S. to own powder plants for the Allies; can he sit on Board as rep. of French Govt. notwithstanding status as accredited French Attached? 5/25/40 180
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Memo on smelting in U.S. 5/24/40 266: 81
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Smokeless Powder:

British Purchasing Commission memo on
"Rifle and Machine Gun N/C Powder
Supplies" 5/29/40

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War Conditions
Strategic Materials:
Tungsten:
Supplies and future purchases discussed by
HJr., Purvis, Bloch-Laine, Ballantyne,
White, Young, Matthews, and Mead 5/29/40

White memo 5/29/40
War Conditions

Strategic Materials:

Tungsten and Antimony: 6000 tons which French were negotiating for now owned by U.S.

6/27/40

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Strategic Materials:

Supplies built up as result of cooperation between RFC and Treas.: Stettinius release

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Shipments Movements: Amm. Steamer WARRIOR carrying phosphate, presumably destined for Germany, stopped by British Govt. out of Mobile 9/15/39

SS NORMANDIE: Treas. recommendation with regard to proceeding to Canadian port under foreign convoy *** discussed by HMAJr and Treas. group 9/15/39
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Ship Movements:

Armed Merchant Ships: Conf. between State, Navy, Justice, and Treas.  9/20/39  212: 188
War Conditions
Ship Movements:
Unnamed ship proceeding near Cuba to be followed by Coast Guard: FDR's instructions
9/22/39
War Conditions

Ship Movements:

Neutrality Act weak link: Charters to Amn. ships replacing British ships withdrawn for war service and loaded by British owners -- Harris calls HMJr's attention who in turn calls Hull's

9/27/39

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Ship Movements:
German Embassy warns Am. ships not to zigzag
or they may be mistaken for belligerent ships
10/2/39
War Conditions
Ship Movements:

Neutrality Act weak link: Charters to Amn. ships replacing British ships withdrawn for war service and loaded by British owners -- Harris calls HMJr's attention who in turn calls Hull's (See Book 214, page 56)
a) Hull's answer 10/4/39

Raeder, Admiral of German Navy, tells Amn. Attaché, Berlin, of proposed attack on SS IRIQUOIS designed to create antagonism against Germany
10/5/39
a) Progress of SS IRIQUOIS discussed at 9:30 meeting
* 10/6/39
b) HMJr asks FDR to "have every square mile flown over by airplanes in advance" 10/9/39 216: 282
War Conditions

2 Ship Movements:

Cargo Manifests: Harris discusses Skinner Plan used during last war 10/6/39

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Ship Movements:

SS IRIQUOIS: Escort into harbor reviewed by Gaston 10/14/39
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Ship Movements:

SS COULMORE (British freighter) attacked by submarine 450 miles off New England Coast

11/1/39

a) Discussion at 9:30 meeting 11/2/39

State Dept. map indicating belligerent ports to which Amn. ships may not carry goods, etc. 11/8/39

Flagships (Amn. and foreign) tied up in various ports lacking clearance certificates; State, Commerce, and Treas. involved; situation discussed by HMF and Welles 11/8/39
War Conditions
Ship Movements:

SS IRIQUOIS: Performance of CAMPBELL complimented highly by Navy representing Grand Banks Patrol
11/9/39

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Ship Movements:

French mine sweepers (deep-sea trawlers sold to French Govt. by Portland Trawling Co.) reported by Coast Guard station on Cape Cod; Gaston calls attention to "what appears to be clear violation of U.S. Criminal Code"

12/1/39

a) Hull’s comment at Cabinet meeting 115

b) Hull informed of Treas. Counsel’s opinion 12/2/39 147

1) Hull advises that 3 mine sweepers be allowed to proceed by degrees but if they put into an Amn. port they should be held and Atty. Gen. consulted 12/2/39 153

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* 2) HMJr proposes calling Atty. Ben. immediately stating that Hull and he wish an opinion

a) Informal opinion discussed by Cairns and Berle
(U.S. justified in detaining remainder of vessels transferred to French Line) 12/5/39 226: 350
War Conditions
2 Ship Movements

c) Discussion at 9:30 meeting
12/4/39

e) Gaston memo providing resume 12/4/39

Harris proposal to substitute American flagships on trade routes now covered by British ships (where neutrality law does not prevent)
12/4/39
War Conditions
Ship Movements:

French trawlers: Duffield asks Justice Dept. to clear Trucos. for escape since Trucos. was acting under contrary instructions from Justice (Pearson-Allen column) 12/11/39

a) Justice later reports they consider column best ignored 12/11/39
War Conditions
Ship Movement
SS Columbus
Scouting discussed at 9:30 meeting
12/20/39
Tuscaloosa in vicinity merely because of patrol duty in Panama Zone
231: 32
War Conditions.

Ship Movements:

SS NORMANDIE and QUEEN ELIZABETH: Harris report on possible plans for clearance 6/19/40

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SS NORMANDIE and QUEEN ELIZABETH: Harris report on possible plans for clearance 6/19/40

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Ship Movements:

Belgian tanker: Arrival in Port Arthur, Texas, reported by FBI 7/25/40

286: 286
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SS WESER: FBI report
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Port of destination in British Isles and names of ship - omission of requested of Treas.  8/16/40  294: 87

NORTHLAND: Course discussed by State Dept. and Treas.  8/16/40  116

SOUTHERN CROSS, Yacht: FBI report  257
War Conditions
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Possible British request to take NEW AMSTERDAM (Holland-Amm. Line) out of N.Y. discussed at 9:30 meeting 9/12/40
War Conditions
Ship Movements:
U.S. Maritime Commission approves chartering of seven boats for voyages to foreign ports
9/27/40

SS PANAMANIAN discussed by Gaston, Harris, and HMJr 9/27/40
War Conditions
Ship Movements:
Waesche (Coast Guard) reports on water pollution on certain vessels 10/2/40
War Conditions
Ship Movements:
SS PANAMANIAN:
Beached at Galveston; was headed for Japan
10/4/40
War Conditions
Ship Movements:
SS OREGON, MICHIGAN, and WINNIPEG - departure
permits issued: Gaston memo 10/10/40 320: 356
QUEEN ELIZABETH, OSLOFJORD, and BERGENSFJORD
to sail soon: Gaston memo 10/10/40 357
War Conditions
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See also War Conditions: Export Control
Three French passenger ships permitted
departure from New Orleans to England:
Gaston memo 10/12/40
War Conditions
Shipbuilding:

HMJr's memo to FDR concerning Compton memo
with regard to Naval Shipbuilding Expediting
Bill authorizing negotiation of contracts
without competitive bidding 7/1/40 278: 20

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Shipbuilding:

British Purchasing Mission requests clearance on construction of 60 ships and capital assistance of approx. £9 million.

Young memo to HMJr 11/26/40
War Conditions

Shipbuilding:

Admiral Land asks for conf. with HMJr
in preparation for memo for FDR
11/27/40

a) Land, HMJr, and Young confer
11/28/40
War Conditions
Shipping (U.S.):
Copy of Harris memo on situation sent to FDR
1/9/40
War Conditions
Shipping Situation:
Harris resume 1/26/40
War Conditions
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