

C.F. Board of Economic Warfare

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*C. F.
Board of Economic Warfare*

June 23, 1942.

Dear Henry:

Many thanks for that interesting
list of importations of strategic materials
by air. I am glad it is going so well.

As ever yours,

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Honorable Henry A. Wallace,
Board of Economic Warfare, x 4226
Washington, D. C.

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BOARD OF ECONOMIC WARFARE
~~ECONOMIC DEFENSE BOARD~~
WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

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June 20, 1942

Dear Mr. President:

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Since you signed our Executive Order on April 13, we have been working with the Army on the importation of strategic materials by air and the program promises a great deal in the months ahead. Already 4800 pounds of mica and 763 pounds of tungsten have actually arrived in the United States and been delivered to Metals Reserve Company. At the moment, most of the movement is from Karachi, India, and from interior points in China. Six months from now the activity will be much more widespread, however.

Respectfully yours,

H A Wallace

H. A. Wallace

The President

The White House

Also, I am sending you a list of studies we have made for the army. That reported on Page 3 with regard to northern Scandinavia is, I believe, especially good.

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May 29, 1942

List of Major Studies Prepared for the Army by the
Board of Economic Warfare

1. "The Economic and Strategic Importance of Madagascar."
Requested by the Joint Strategy Committee. Also given to Major Joseph Roderigo, Chief of Western Section, European Branch, G-2, and to A-2, March 1, 1942.
2. "Preliminary Report on the European Aluminum Industry."
Requested by Dr. Lowe of the Army Air Corps Intelligence in Supplementary Directive No. 5. March 2, 1942.
3. "Preliminary Report on Freight Transport in Germany."
Prepared at the request of Dr. Lowe of Army Air Corps Intelligence and of the Coordinator of Information. February 28, 1942.
4. "Preliminary Report on the Supply Position of Axis Europe."
Prepared at the request of the Joint United States Strategy Committee. March 5, 1942.
5. "Report on the Yugoslav Mineral Industry together with Recommendations on Ways and Means of Impairing the Flow of Strategic Minerals to the Axis Powers."
Prepared at the request of the Joint Intelligence Committee. Copies have also been sent to Major Bakeless, Eastern European Unit of G-2, and Major Hughes of A-2. May 6, 1942.
6. "Yugoslavian Tunnels." Requested by Dr. Lowe of A-2. Study completed on the tunnels between Ostmark and Yugoslavia, particularly the Karawanka International Tunnel, the Bohinki and the Wochoin. February 11, 1942.
7. "Industrial Objectives - The Danube." This covers the volume and nature of Danube traffic between Germany and the Balkans, including ports, port facilities and aids to navigation, especially the super-power tugs used at the Iron Gates. Certain maps and charts have gone to Dr. Lowe of A-2, as well as data on the principal grain shipping and storage facilities, in accordance with his directive.
8. "The Brenner Line." Requested by and delivered to Dr. Lowe of A-2. Report on Brenner Railway, hydroelectric power resources of the railway lines in Tyrol and Vararlbery districts. Also material on the Mittonwald railway. April 27, 1942.

9. "Industrial Objective: Yugoslavian Power." This directive was made specifically to the European Unit of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce and was transmitted through the B.E.W. The report was forwarded to Colonel Keller for Dr. Lowe and Major Hughes of G-2. Further study by the Office of Economic Warfare Analysis of B.E.W. is in process and additional information provided.
10. "Industrial Objectives: German Inland Waterways." Requested by Dr. Lowe of A-2. This study has been partially completed and delivered to Dr. Lowe. A considerable body of maps and photographs of various locks, junctions and termini has been submitted.
11. "Economic Resources of France." This includes a study on the availability of raw materials, industrial capacity, foodstuffs, and transportation facilities. Requested by Major Joseph Roderigo, Chief of Western Section, European Branch, G-2. Another copy was transmitted to J.I.C. May 1, 1942.
12. "Civilian Requirements in Norway and Sweden." Submitted to General Eisenhower, Assistant Chief of Staff, in accordance with his directive. Also was transmitted to Lt. Col. Jesmond Balmer, J.U.S.S.C. May 5, 1942.
13. "Civilian Requirements in Northwest Africa and French West Africa." This was submitted to Maj. Gen. Dwight B. Eisenhower, Assistant Chief of Staff, Operations Division, in accordance with his directive. This was also sent to the Joint Strategy Committee. April 28, 1942.
14. General Eisenhower, Assistant Chief of Staff, Operations, requested that studies be instituted to determine civilian requirements for some 12 specifically named sections of the world in the event of occupation of such sections by the United States. Studies completed and delivered in April, 1942.
15. "Economic Implications of some Near Eastern Transportation Developments." Requested by the Chief of Transportation, War Department. Also sent to Services and Supply (Lt. Col. Fromont B. Hodson). April 14, 1942.

16. "Reports on Northern Feno-Scandia", requested by Col. Wedemeyer, General Staff, Operations Division, War Department, containing the following:

Introduction: Material for a Military and Economic Analysis of Northern Feno-Scandia.

Appendix I: The Attitude of the Northern Nations to the War.

Appendix II: The Transportation Systems in Northern Feno-Scandia.

Appendix III: The Iron Ore of Northern Sweden.

Appendix IV: What the Norwegian Fisheries Mean to Germany.

Appendix V: The Hemnes Peninsula. (Norway)

Appendix VI: Mo in Rana - Rognan in Salten. (Norway)

Appendix VII: The Bod Peninsula.

Appendix VIII: Outline of a Plan for a Land Attack on Narvik.

Appendix IX: From Lyngenfjord (Norway) to Karesuando (On the Finnish-Swedish Border) to Kiruna. (Iron Ore Mines)

Appendix X: Kirkenes-Salmijarvi-Petsamo.

Appendix XI: The Finnish Port of Liinahamari.

Appendix XII: What the Finnish Nickel Means to Germany.

Appendix XIII: Bicycle Commandos.

Appendix XIV: Swedish (and Finnish) Tactics of Attack in Woods by Night.

Appendix XV: The Petsamo Nickel Mines (Finland) - Copies of this last report went also to A-2, G-2, O.N.I., J.U.S.S.C., and Captain Smith.

(NOTE: Some of these 15 reports deal with military rather than economic matters. The reason is that the author fought in both the First Finnish and the Norwegian Wars, and such reports were specifically requested as a result of his specialized experience. B.E.W. has made no other reports on military matters.)

17. "Recommendations of Control of Swiss Imports from Overseas."
Sent to General Clay of Requirements and Resources. May 1, 1942.
18. A-2 requested on April 10, 1942, through Major George L. Hart, Liaison Officer of the Board of Economic Warfare, a preliminary list of 100 or more of the most important industrial objectives in Japan according to priority. Desired information at earliest possible moment for emergency task. On April 14, a preliminary list of 132 objectives arranged according to priority with description of each target furnished to A-2, copies also to G-2 and O.N.I.
19. "Photographs of Industrial Objectives in the Far East". During the early part of January numerous conferences were held with representatives of A-2, G-2, and O.N.I. It was determined that the Industrial Objectives Unit of the Board of Economic Warfare would endeavor to locate all possible industrial targets in Japan and obtain as many photographs as possible of these installations and immediately transmit these to A-2, G-2, and O.N.I. This is in addition to the function of determining priorities of industrial objectives. A total of 2,206 photographs, maps, drawings and sketches pertaining to Far Eastern industrial objectives have subsequently been furnished to the intelligence services of the Army and Navy.
20. G-2 requested that analysis be made of article entitled "Japanese Strategy - Based on Inadequate Supply" appearing in January, 1942 issue of World Petroleum Magazine. Analysis prepared same day and furnished to G-2, A-2, O.N.I., War Plans Division and Joint Strategy Committee. January 30, 1942.
21. Air Intelligence requested information on two blast furnace installations in Hokkaido. Information furnished following day. February 5, 1942.
22. A-2 requested more specific location of certain transformer stations in Yokohama. This additional information procured and furnished to A-2 in April, 1942.
23. Captain Pinkney of A-2 called to obtain information on Japanese aluminum industry which was furnished him on same day. March 23, 1942.
24. A-2 requested certain information on Japanese automotive and military tank manufacture, the same being furnished at once. April 8, 1942.
25. A-2 requested member of Industrial Objectives Unit to personally visit and furnish them information on Japanese aircraft industry and location of individual plants. This was done in a day's conference. April 18, 1942.

26. "Relative Importance of Copper Manufacturing Plants in the Japanese Empire together with General Locations." Sent to Operations, A-2, G-2, O.N.I., J.S.C., Resources and Requirements, and Lt. Col. Wedemeyer of Operations Division and Captain Smith of G-2.
27. "Type and Extent of Japanese Ship Construction." The adequacy of the Japanese merchant fleet in the war situation; size, speed, age, and types of vessels. Sent to A-2, G-2, and O.N.I. March 2, 1942.
28. "Ship Repair and Ship Building Facilities in Japan and other Far Eastern Area." A map showing the ports to which damaged Japanese shipping must go for repairs, indicating the capacities of each port. Sent to G-2, A-2, O.N.I., J.I.C., Joint Strategy Committee, and the War Plans Division of the War Department. February 25, 1942.
29. "The Japanese Shipping Situation." An estimate of Japan's need for shipping, the raw materials to be transported, and the routes to be followed in their transport. (map) At what areas in the seas about Japan must her ships be found in considerable numbers? Sent to A-2, G-2, O.N.I., War Plans, Joint Strategy Committee, and Major Collier of G-2. March 1, 1942.
30. "Japan's Adoption of Western Technology." A brief inquiry into Japan's acquisition of western patents in order to determine the relation between Japanese and western firms. Sent to G-2, A-2, Joint Strategy Committee, Operations, Col. Wedemeyer, and Capt. Smith. April 30, 1942.
31. "A Program of Psychological Warfare Against Japan." Furnished to Col. O. N. Solbert, Psychological Warfare Branch, Military Intelligence Service, War Department, on his request. Subsequently went to A-2, and G-2. May 15, 1942.
32. "The Economic Orientation of the Defense of the Netherlands East Indies." Sent to Col. Thomas J. Betts, Munitions Building; Col. Bratton in G-2; Lt. Col. Paul Robinette, G.H.Q.; and Lt. Wm. McGovern of Joint Intelligence Committee. This report was prepared on the initiative of the Board. January 23, 1942.
33. "Strategic and Critical Materials Imported from Netherlands East Indies, British Malaya, the Philippines and Alternate Sources." Sent to Lt. Col. Paul Robinette, G.H.Q.; Lt. Wm. McGovern, Joint Intelligence Committee. Prepared on the initiative of the Board.
34. "The War Potential in Southeast Asia and the South Pacific." Covering Australia, New Zealand, South Pacific Islands, India and Burma. Sent to G-2, A-2, O.N.I., Joint Strategy Committee and Capt. Smith. February 20, 1942.
35. "Importance of New Caledonia Nickel and Chromite to Japan and the United States." Requested by Col. Levan C. Allen (now Brig. General) War Plans Division, Memorandum prepared and furnished on same date, subsequently to A-2, G-2, and Joint Strategy Committee. January 13, 1942.

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36. "The Economic Importance of New Caledonia." Sent to G-2, A-2, O.N.I., and Joint Strategy Committee. March 2, 1942.
37. "Oil Report: Interdivisional Committee of the Board of Economic Warfare." A consolidation of several studies into one comprehensive report. Copies sent to Col. Kramer, European Section of G-2; Col. Ball, A-2; General Eisenhower, Operations; Capt. Redfield, Joint Strategy Committee; Joint Intelligence Committee; Col Balmer; Col Wedemeyer, and Capt. Smith. April 20, 1942.
38. "The Strategic Significance of Middle East Oil." Submitted to the Joint Strategy Committee, A-2, G-2, O.N.I., Resources and Requirements. March 24, 1942.
39. "The Destruction of Oil Refineries and Port and Ship Repair Facilities in Far Eastern Areas Threatened by the Japanese." Sent to the Joint Strategy Committee. February 17, 1942.
40. "An Estimate of Crude Oil Production in the East Indies under Japanese Control." Sent to A-2, G-2, Joint Intelligence Committee and Joint Strategy Committee. March 9, 1942
41. "Japan's Synthetic Petroleum Industry." Sent to A-2, G-2, O.N.I., Joint Strategy Committee, Joint Intelligence Committee, and War Plans Division. March 9, 1942.
42. "Analysis of Estimates of the Japanese Oil Supply." Sent to Capt. H. L. Smith. March 10, 1942.
43. "Strategic Value of Burma Oil Fields to Japan." Sent to Nevins in Operations, A-2, Pettigrew in G-2, Boone in O.N.I., Balmer in J.S.C., Capt. Smith, Lt. Col. Wedemeyer, Brig. General Handy, Operations Division; Resources and Requirements. April 20, 1942.
44. "Tankers Under Japanese Registry." An estimate of the Japanese tanker fleet; to ascertain its adequacy for the transport of oil from the Dutch East Indies to Japan. Sent to A-2, G-2, O.N.I., and the Joint Strategy Committee. February 18, 1942.
45. Brig. Gen. Handy, Operations Division, called at noon and requested certain information on oil storage and capacity in the Middle East. Needed information within 45 minutes for inclusion in cable to Chief of Staff. Information obtained and furnished in 40 minutes. April 24, 1942.
46. "Petroleum in Borneo." Sent to G-2, and Joint Strategy Committee. February 12, 1942.
47. "The Loss of the Dutch East Indies and the Oil Supply of Australia." Sent to Joint Strategy Committee. February 17, 1942.

48. "Petroleum in Java." Sent to G-2, O.N.I., and Joint Strategy Committee. February 17, 1942.
49. "Estimated Oil Production in South Sumatra." Sent to G-2, O.N.I., Col. Balmer of Joint Strategy Committee, Capt. Smith of Operations, and A-2. March 9, 1942.
50. "Relative Merits of India and Australia as Offensive Bases from the Standpoint of Oil Supply." For the Joint Intelligence Committee. March 25, 1942.
51. "Oil Resources in New Guinea, and Flying Facilities in Papua." To determine what objectives Japan might attack in New Guinea and suggest measures of defense. Sent to A-2, G-2, O.N.I., and Joint Strategy Committee. February 11, 1942.
52. "Demolition Training." (Oil) Sent to A-2, G-2, O.N.I., Joint Strategy Committee, Resources and Requirements. March 24, 1942.
53. "Petroleum Stocks in the Philippine Islands as of November 30, 1942." Sent to members of the Committee on the Enemy Oil Position including Rear Admiral H. A. Stuart, Lt. D. G. Gill, Major P. H. Taylor, Lt. Wm. M. Martin, Major R. D. Hughes, Capt. Carlo C. Zimmerman, Capt. H. J. Rodfield, Lt. Col. Wm. Ball. March 18, 1942.
54. "Destruction of Oil Properties in the Philippine Islands." Sent to A-2, G-2, O.N.I., Joint Strategy Committee, and Resources and Requirements. April 10, 1942.
55. "Manganese in the Far East." Requested by Capt. Smith of G-2. February 12, 1942.
56. "Fijian Raw Materials, Resources and Possibilities of Expanding Production." Sent to A-2, G-2, O.N.I., Joint Strategy Committee, Joint Intelligence Committee. March 6, 1942.
57. "Military Destruction of Stocks of Raw Materials and of the Means of Production, Transport, and Storage of Raw Materials in the Philippine Islands." An investigation of stocks of raw materials and of certain transport, storage and production facilities (mines) in order to recommend the carrying out of a "scorched earth" policy. Transmitted to G-2, and O.N.I. December 29, 1942.
58. "Reports on Australia and New Zealand." Sent to Major J. R. Walsh. February 21, 1942.
59. "Manpower Problem in Australia." A detailed analysis of population by age distribution; some figures on labor supply, employment and men of military age. Prepared at the request of Lt. Col. M. H. Zwicher, Office of Quartermaster General. January 28, 1942.

60. "Stenographic and Clerical Workers in Australia." Prepared at the request of Major M. E. Townes, Office of Quartermaster General. January 30, 1942.
61. "Carpenters, etc., Availability of, for Building Camps and Other Purposes." Prepared at the request of Major M. E. Townes, Quartermaster General. January 30, 1942.
62. "Hotel Accomodations in Australia and Related Matters." Prepared at the request of Major Townes. January 30, 1942.
63. "Food Situation. Preliminary Study on Australia." Prepared at the request of Brig. Gen. Arthur Wilson, Requirements and Resources, attention of M. E. Townes. January 31, 1942.
64. "Reports on Australian Bakeries, Building Materials, Carbide, Coal, Electric Power, Gas, Ice Plants, Office Furniture, Railway Construction, Road and Road Building, Salvage of Army Equipment, Salvage of Army Equipment (Textiles), Storage Facilities, and Water." (Prepared in conjunction with the British Empire Division of the Department of Commerce). Summary and tentative evaluation of the above reports. Prepared at request of Brig. Gen. Arthur Wilson, attention of Major M. E. Townes.
65. "Artesian Bases in Australia." Two maps prepared at the request of Brig. Gen. Arthur Wilson, attention Col. M. E. Townes, Quartermaster General. February 4, 1942.
66. "Venereal Diseases and their Control in Australia." Prepared at the request of Brig. Gen. Arthur Wilson. February 10, 1942.
67. "Flax Industry in Australia." Prepared at the request of Col. M. E. Townes, Quartermaster General, February 10, 1942.
68. "Billeting of Incoming Troops in Australia." Prepared at the request of Col. M. E. Townes, Quartermaster General. February 10, 1942.
69. "Manufacturing: Characteristics of Certain Australian Manufacturing Industries, and Australian Manufacturing of Certain Products." This memorandum included a very comprehensive set of tables prepared in conjunction with the British Empire Division of the Department of Commerce. The tables provided detailed information on geographic location, number of employees, size of factories, materials used and dependence upon foreign sources of supply, position of production by states, and the degree to which domestic production satisfies domestic demands. Prepared at the request of Brig. Gen. Arthur Wilson, attention of Col. Fred L. Hamilton. February 16, 1942.

70. "Reports on Australia." This report included supplemental memorandum on laundry and dry cleaning establishments and tables detailing "Characteristics of Certain Australian Manufacturing Industries" and Australian Manufacturing of Certain Products." For Major J. R. Walsh. February 20, 1942.
71. "Australian Lumber Industry." Prepared at the request of Chief of Engineers, United States Army, attention Lt. Col. Paul W. Thompson, February 26, 1942.
72. "Maps of Australia." Maps and explanatory memorandum giving data on Australian railroads and ports, minerals, manufacturing industries, pastoral industries, agricultural industries, farmyard, dairy and bee industries. Sent to Gen. Clay of Requirements and Resources in April 1942, and to Col. Taylor, former liaison officer between the Board of Economic Warfare and the Army.
73. "Dry Cleaning Establishments in Australia." Prepared at the request of Brig. Gen. Arthur Wilson. February 12, 1942.
74. "Wool, Hides and Skins, Australia." Prepared at the request of Col. Charles N. E. Scheer. (Formerly with the Board of Economic Warfare, Export Control Branch). January 19, 1942.
75. "Australian Minerals." This memorandum was prepared in conjunction with the British Empire Division of the Department of Commerce. It contained detailed information of geographical location, production by states, imports and exports in 1938-1939, uses, location and amount of reserves. Prepared at the request of Col. Charles N. E. Scheer. February 20, 1942.
76. "Policy of Economic Control." This study was prepared in connection with the War Department "Survey of Australia." Sent to Major Dean Rusk, G-2. May 7, 1942.
77. "Comments on a Survey of Australia prepared by the War Department." A memorandum consisting of two parts: (1) Substitute Fuels, (2) Fiscal Position. The substitute fuels section contains an analysis of the present position of shale oil; power alcohol, and producer gas. The section on fiscal position has an analysis of: revenues and expenditures, control of banks, new fiscal measures, and financial magnitude of war effort. Transmitted through Col. D. C. McDonald, Liaison officer with the Board of Economic Warfare, to Col. Compton of G-2. May 15, 1942.
78. "Australian-United Trade Relations." An analysis of the underlying shifts and movements in U.S. - Australian trade and the causes for these shifts. Also includes an analysis of the principal supply lines and of the effect on U.S. - Australian trade of presence of American armed forces in Australia. To Major Dean Rusk, of G-2. May 19, 1942.

79. "Food Supplies in New Zealand"; preliminary survey. Prepared at the request of Brig. Gen. Arthur Wilson. February 4, 1942.
80. "Possible Movement of Goods to and from China via India by Truck Roads and by Air Planes." Sent to A-2, G-2, O.N.I., Joint Strategy Committee and Joint Intelligence Committee. March 2, 1942.
81. "India's Economy in the Present War." This report was prepared for the advisory mission to India but, in response to requests for basic economic information on India, copies were sent to Major J. R. Walsh, Office of Quartermaster General; Col. Hayes A. Kroner, Chief Military Intelligence Division; Major Cecil E. Henry, Chief Administration Section, Air Adjutant General's Office; Col. S. G. Brown, Chief, Home Office, U. S. Military Mission to China; and Col. Wm. Ball, Chief, Air Operations Intelligence. This report was reviewed also by Capt. Roger W. Jones of the Office of Combined Chiefs of Staff.
82. "A List of Airdromes and Landing Fields in India." Sent to A-2, by Col. C. B. McDonald, Liaison Officer with the Board of Economic Warfare. April 17, 1942.
83. "The Port of Chittagong, India." To Capt. F. T. Todd, of A-2, and Col. Compton of G-2. May 11, 1942.
84. "Important objectives in the Calcutta Area." Written on request of A-2, also forwarded to G-2. April 23, 1942.
85. "Installations of Strategic Importance in the Calcutta Area." Transmitted to A-2. May 6, 1942.
86. "Outline of Economic Factors in the Defense of Ceylon." Sent to A-2 (Major Moss and Capt. Zimmerman). Also sent to G-2, and O.N.I. April 11, 1942.
87. "Lead, Silver, and Zinc Mines, and Smelters at Nantu near Lashio." Sent to G-2, and A-2. May 7, 1942.
88. "Areas of Industrial Concentration in South Africa." Sent to Mr. W. W. Yong of A-2. May 9, 1942.
89. "Transportation Study of Southern Africa." To Col. Compton of G-2 And Mr. W. W. Young of A-2. May 4, 1942.
90. "Quinine; Production, Supplies, Requirements." Sent to Major Cooper in A-2; Capt. Smith, G-2; Lt. Col. Boone in O.N.I., Lt. Col. Robinett in G.H.Q., Lt. Col. Rogers in the War Plans Division and Lt. Col. Balmer in the Joint Strategy Committee. Prepared on the initiative of the Board. February 4, 1942.

91. "Additional Notes on Quinine." Notices of the synthetic substitutes for this drug. Sent to A-2, O.N.I., Operations, Joint Strategy Committee, and G.H.Q. February 7, 1942.
92. "Comparison of Quinine, Atabrin and Plasmochine." An analysis of the relative merits of these drugs in order to determine which of them should be produced in greater quantities. Sent to A-2, G-2, O.N.I., and Operations. March 2, 1942.
93. "Digest of Report on Quinine and Quinine Substitutes." Prepared by Chief of the Chemical Staff, Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, with the aid of Far Eastern Division, B.E.W. To recommend measures for increasing the supply of anti-malaria drugs. April 11, 1942.
94. "Maximum Foreign Supply Surveys." requested by G.H.Q. Copies forwarded to G.H.Q. with additional copies to G-2, W.P.B. and J.U.S.S.C. January 31, 1942.
95. Memorandum from Gen. Eisenhower, Asst. Chief of Staff, Operations, requested information on the total anticipated needs of United States in 1942, 1943, and 1944 of various strategic metals, together with the amount and percentage of total needs that could be obtained from various sections of the world. Memorandum delivered April 1, 1942.
96. "Importance of the Sault Ste. Marie Canal to the U. S." Col. Bratton Military Intelligence Division, telephoned and requested this report within two hours. February 6, 1942.
97. "The Kamchatka Peninsula and the Kuril Islands." Sent to Col. Wodomeyor; A-2; G-2; O.N.I.; Joint Strategy Committee, Col. G. B. Gunther, and Resources and Requirements. April 10, 1942. Additional information on meteorological data on areas between Alaska and Kamchatka now being gathered.
98. "West Indies Sugar Industry - Vulnerability to Attack." Discusses the need for special protection in the area now presumed to be without strong defenses. Major Crystal of Military Intelligence. March 25, 1942.
99. "Communications in Mexico." An analysis of the problem of providing transportation facilities for troops from the U. S. Border down the West Coast of the mainland and down the Peninsula of Baja California. For Col. Ross of the Army Railway Division. March 26, 1942.
100. "Luffa Sponges." Sent to G-2, Latin American Division - Caribbean Sea Section. February 14, 1942.

101. "The Oil Industry of Argentina." Study of petroleum production in Argentina, prepared in connection with vulnerability study on essential commodity production and of possible sabotage. To G-2, and Capt. Smith. April, 1942.
102. "Chilean Power Plants and their Vulnerability." Sent to Col. Lord, for transmission to the War Department. Shows effect of possible enemy attacks on power supply of vital mines.
103. "World Economic Factors Important for World Strategy." Prepared at request of the Joint Strategy Committee. (Col. Wedemeyer and Lt. Col. Balner) Preliminary draft submitted. Final draft is now being prepared.

BOARD OF ECONOMIC WARFARE
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

September 11, 1942

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Board of Economic Warfare
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The President
The White House

Dear Mr. President:

This is in reply to your memorandum of September 11
regarding the British Trade Agreement with Portugal.

We have been working closely and harmoniously with
the British and the State Department on this Agree-
ment, and the two Governments are in full accord.

I have taken steps to see to it that your instructions
are followed to the letter.

Respectfully yours,

Milo Perkins.

Executive Director

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OFFICE OF THE
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 11, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE VICE PRESIDENT
AND MILO PERKINS

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Don't block the British
trade agreement with Portugal. Go along
with it till you hear from me.

F.D.R.

Original of this memorandum sent to the Vice President.
Copy sent to Hon. Milo Perkins.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

V.P. & M. Perkins

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J.B.

October 15, 1942.

H. F.
Board of Economic Warfare

My dear Mr. Vice President:

I have your letter of September 10 on the subject of trade with Sweden.

Any change in policy which imposed further restrictions on Sweden's trade would have important effects and therefore requires most complete consideration of all aspects of the question. I presume that any such action would only be considered in the event that careful study showed that it would result in an added detriment to the economic or supply basis of the Axis war effort and that such detriment would more than counter-balance any actual political or military considerations. Any marked change in policy towards Sweden would require careful examination not only by the military and political branches of our Government, but also by our Allies.

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I am glad that the Board of Economic Warfare is making a thorough study of Swedish commerce, and I shall be pleased to have the recommendations of the Board after it has had an opportunity to consider this study.

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Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Franklin D. Roosevelt

The Vice President, x12
United States Senate.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

September 17. 1942

My dear Mr. President:

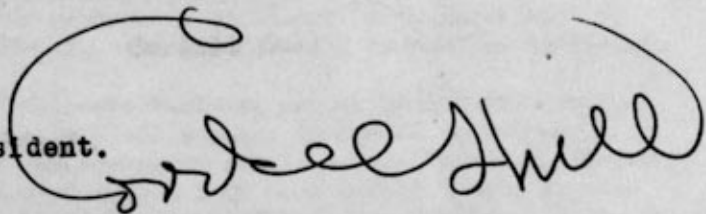
In accordance with your instructions, I transmit herewith the letter dated September 10, 1942, addressed to you by the Vice President, and a suggested reply thereto for your signature, relating to the question of our economic policy toward Sweden.

I feel that the considerations that should determine our decisions in this field are of fundamental importance not only to ourselves but also to our Allies in consultation with whom they should be made. It is essential that we do not follow divergent policies. Obviously the question requires careful weighing of the many political, economic and military questions involved.

The importance of the London discussions are such that I have requested the United States Minister in Stockholm to absent himself from his post, if his duties permit, so that he may personally attend this London conference on Sweden.

Faithfully yours,

Enclosure:
To Vice President.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "Cordell Hull". The signature is written over the "Enclosure:" and "To Vice President." text.

The President,
The White House.

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The President,
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BOARD OF ECONOMIC WARFARE

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Board of Economic Warfare

September 10, 1942

Filed by Mr
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The President,

The White House.

Dear Mr. President:

This letter concerns the trade of Sweden with our country and the rest of the world. I am writing you briefly about it since the matter may come to your attention before the very thorough work which we are doing in connection with it has been completed.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 12, 1942.

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