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Admiral Sir Charles Little

I attach the letters from Lord Hankey and Sir David Scott, about which I talked to you yesterday. When you have read them perhaps you would show them to Lieut.-General Wemyss and Air Marshal Harris. Then the four of us might have a meeting to discuss how best to deal with the questions raised in the two letters, whether there is any action to be taken in the meantime pending Mr. Hopkins' return, and what line we should take with him when he does get back to this country.

It would probably be useful if you brought to this meeting those members of your respective staff who are particularly interested in the question.

H. 

August 6th 1941.

FRHM:PW

H.E. has spoken to Admiral Little about this and the question was also mentioned at Thursday's meeting of the Heads of Missions. The result of all this discussion was that Admiral Little entirely agreed that it would be desirable that some member of the Chancery should be associated in the handling of these problems - both ~~own~~ handling internally among the various British authorities concerned and ~~own~~ handling with the American authorities. ~~He~~ H.E. said there had been some preliminary discussion of the question between him and Mr. Harriman and it had been agreed that no further progress could be made until Mr. Hopkins returned.

In the meantime, however, I think it would be useful if Mr. Foster, who Admiral Little knows will be dealing with the matter from the Chancery side - were to get in touch with the officers of the Joint Staff Mission who are dealing with the question and talk the whole thing over.

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It would be a great help if, as a result of all these discussions, some effective means could be devised of dealing with the very considerable number of applications we are now receiving from residents in the United States who are anxious to go to England to work in some capacity as engineers or labourers but who do not seem to come within the scope of the British Civilian Technical Corps scheme.

John Foster

August 9th 1941.

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I have had a talk with Admiral Little, who is anxious for me to discuss the matter with the three Heads of the Joint Staff Mission at a time to be arranged later.

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August 13th 1941.

Discussed with heads of Joint Staff Mission in connection with the question of using our British manpower in the U.S. efficiently before asking the Americans to help us - I gave them copies of the attached memo - It was agreed that Goull-Barnes would draft a letter to Hadden which was to be considered on this point - otherwise to wait until Hopkins returned & Foster 14/8

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