

SECRET

Allied Joint Declaration
6245/13/4.

Prime Minister

-/2
I attach a re-draft of the Joint Declaration embodying the War Cabinet's views expressed in telegram TAUT No. 185.

I should call attention to the following points:-

1. The list of Governments in the preamble includes the Governments of all those countries which are actually fighting against the Axis powers or are in enemy occupation. It does not include the Central American countries which have declared war against Germany and Italy but are not actually involved in hostilities. The order in which the countries are mentioned may perhaps require revision. I have put the United States first, the United Kingdom and the Dominions next, and the other Allies in alphabetical order. This follows the system adopted at the St. James's Palace Conference last September when the United Kingdom and Dominion representatives were mentioned first and then the Allies in alphabetical order.

2. In their telegram the War Cabinet definitely stated that India was not to be included, and I therefore/

therefore made no mention of India in the draft. I think with all respect to the War Cabinet that this is a mistake, and I would hope it might be reconsidered. India was a separate signatory of the Treaty of Versailles; and, as you will remember, the Secretary of State for India represented India at the St. James's Palace Conference. Amery also represented Burma on the latter occasion.

3. What about the Free French? I have left them out, as they are not an actual Government. But, as you will see from the White Paper attached, at the St. James's Palace Conference the names of the Free French representatives were included in distinctive form at the end of the list of the Allied delegates. In spite of St. Pierre and Miquelon, I should like to see Free French representatives associated with the Declaration and undertaking on behalf of the Free French movement to observe its principles.

4. You will no doubt arrange with the President about quickest means of securing assent of Allies and Dominions to the draft.

December 26th, 1941.