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C.O.S.(40) 36th Meeting, held on 20th February, 1940.

4. CERTAIN OPERATIONS. APPRECIATION BY THE BRITISH REPRESENTATIVES ON THE ALLIED MILITARY COMMITTEE.

(Paper No. C.O.S.(40) 244(S)).

(Previous Reference: C.O.S.(40) 30th Meeting, Minute 2).

THE COMMITTEE had before them an Appreciation prepared by the British Representatives on the Allied Military Committee, on the possibility of carrying out certain operations. (Paper No. C.O.S.(40) 244(S)).

After discussion, it was agreed:-

- (a) To instruct the British Representatives on the Allied Military Committee to hand the Appreciation to their French colleagues, and to tell them that it had received the general approval of the Chiefs of Staff; and to ask them for the views of the French Military authorities thereon at an early date.
- (b) To invite the Chief of the Air Staff to inform the War Cabinet, in the course of the next progress report on projected operations in Scandinavia, that this Appreciation had been prepared, and was under discussion with the French Military authorities; that the general conclusion which emerged from the Appreciation was that an operation through Petsamo could not fulfil the object of giving material assistance to the Finns; and that it was not possible for it to be prepared simultaneously with the main operation.

Richmond Terrace, S.W.1.,
20th February, 1940.

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