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**WAR CABINET 51 (42).**

*CONCLUSIONS of a Meeting of the War Cabinet held in the Prime Minister's Room, House of Commons, S.W. 1, on Tuesday, April 21, 1942, at 12.15 P.M.*

**Present :**

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| The Right Hon. WINSTON S. CHURCHILL, M.P., Prime Minister ( <i>in the Chair</i> ). |   |
| The Right Hon. C. R. ATTLEE, M.P.,<br>Secretary of State for Dominion<br>Affairs.  | The Right Hon. Sir JOHN ANDERSON,<br>M.P., Lord President of the Council. |
| The Right Hon. ANTHONY EDEN, M.P.,<br>Secretary of State for Foreign<br>Affairs.   | The Right Hon. OLIVER LYTTTELTON,<br>M.P., Minister of Production.        |
| The Right Hon. ERNEST BEVIN, M.P.,<br>Minister of Labour and National<br>Service.  | The Right Hon. R. G. CASEY, Minister<br>of State.                         |

**The following were also present :**

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| The Right Hon. HERBERT MORRISON,<br>M.P., Secretary of State for the<br>Home Department and Minister of<br>Home Security. | The Right Hon. A. V. ALEXANDER,<br>M.P., First Lord of the Admiralty.               |
| The Right Hon. Sir JAMES GRIGG,<br>M.P., Secretary of State for War.  | The Right Hon. Sir ARCHIBALD<br>SINCLAIR, Bt., M.P., Secretary of<br>State for Air. |
| The Right Hon. THOMAS JOHNSTON,<br>M.P., Secretary of State for<br>Scotland ( <i>Item 1</i> ).                            | Air Chief Marshal Sir CHARLES F. A.<br>PORTAL, Chief of the Air Staff.              |
| General Sir ALAN BROOKE, Chief of the<br>Imperial General Staff.  | Vice-Admiral H. R. MOORE, Vice-Chief<br>of Naval Staff.                             |

**Secretariat.**

Sir EDWARD BRIDGES.  
Major-General Sir HASTINGS ISMAY.

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**Chemical Warfare.**

Precautionary Measures.

(Previous Reference:

W.M. (42) 48th Conclusions, Minute 2.)

1. The War Cabinet had before them a Supplementary Report by the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs (W.P. (42) 172) dealing with various points mentioned as outstanding in his earlier Report (W.P. (42) 152).

*The Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs* said that he had now completed his general review, and was satisfied that precautionary measures had been tightened up.

The War Cabinet took note, with approval, of this Report.

(Further discussion on this matter is recorded in the Secretary's Standard File of War Cabinet Conclusions.)

**Naval, Military and Air Operations.**  
Malta.

2. The War Cabinet were given the latest information about the position at Malta, and of the arrangements proposed, or in contemplation, for putting in reinforcements of fighter aircraft.

*Great George Street, S.W. 1,*  
*April 21, 1942.*



