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Done at WASHINGTON,
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XXXI. SUPREME COMMANDS IN THE SOUTH- WEST PACIFIC AREA

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1. As a result of proposals put forward by the United States and British Chiefs of Staff, and of their recommendations to President Roosevelt and to the Prime Minister, Mr. Churchill, it is announced that, with the concurrence of the Netherlands Government and of the Dominion Governments concerned, a system of unified command will be established in the southwest Pacific area.

2. All the forces in this area—sea, land, and air—will operate under one Supreme Commander. At the suggestion of the President, in which all concerned have agreed, General Sir A. Wavell has been appointed to this command.

3. Major General George H. Brett, Chief of the Air Corps of the U. S. Army, will be appointed Deputy Supreme Commander. He is now in the Far East. Under the direction of General Wavell, Admiral Thomas C. Hart, U. S. Navy, will assume command of all naval forces in the area. General

Sir Henry Pownall will be Chief of Staff to General Wavell.

4. General Wavell will assume his command in the near future.

5. At the same time, His Excellency Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has accepted the Supreme Command over all land and air forces of the United Nations which are now or may in the future be operating in the Chinese theater, including initially such portions of Indo-china and Thailand as may become available to troops of the United Nations. United States and British representatives will serve on his joint headquarters planning staff.

XXXII. COMBINED BRITISH-AMERICAN RAW MATERIALS, MUNITIONS, AND SHIPPING BOARDS

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To further coordination of the United Nations war effort, the President and Prime Minister Churchill have set up three boards to deal with munition assignments, shipping adjustment, and raw materials. The functions of these boards are outlined in the following statements.

Members of the boards will confer with representatives of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, China, and such other of the United Nations as are necessary to attain common purposes and provide for the most effective utilization of the joint resources of the United Nations.

COMBINED RAW MATERIALS BOARD

A planned and expeditious utilization of the raw material resources of the United Nations is neces-