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With reference to the more specific questions in regard to the composition and functioning of the Committee, it was thought that the list included the proper persons. In seeking to reconcile the President's desire to have Mr. Delano added, with the general principle which was thought good of not embarrassing the freedom of action of any of his office through having to report to him through another person, it was thought that the following suggestion would fill the bill:

Constitute the Committee, as proposed, and then add that the Chairman of the National Resources Planning Board shall sit with the Committee, participate in its deliberations, and join in such recommendations as he may wish. Under these conditions he then need feel no hesitation in discussing with the President privately and personally any problem that may be or will be under the consideration of the Committee without feeling that he is going behind his own Committee.