

in a technical sense, there may be a case to be made out for that position.

(c) There can be no question as to the position of French merchant ships. They are subject to prize and should be proceeded against at once.

6. In all of these measures there should be appropriate notification that French interest in any of the property concerned would be preserved for the benefit of France. Any French owners lining up with the Petain Government should, however, be treated as traitors to France and their property, or the proceeds thereof, would be used in support of the de Gaulles Government or of the Canadian war effort.