

peditionary force units excepted). When sufficient officers and personnel were available in England and France the aim would be to form a Royal Canadian Air Force contingent.

18. If this suggestion is acceptable the first step would be to adopt an intensified war training scheme with existing resources with a view to an immediate increase in existing output of 120 pilots a year.

19. Further steps:

(a) the rapid expansion of present training facilities using civil aerodromes with the aim of 2,000 pilots a year.

(b) the training of as many observers and air gunners as possible perhaps by using existing service squadrons.

(c) The immediate enlistment of skilled mechanics both for Canadian expansion and for Royal Air Force.

(d) At a later stage it may be desirable if possible to transfer at least 4 Royal Air Force flying training schools to sites in Canada.

20. Supplies. The technical mission from the United Kingdom now on its way to Canada (some members of which left September 2nd) has full details. The most important items are aero-engines and alloys.

Generally speaking, and where points contained in this memorandum are acceptable to the Canadian authorities, Departments in the United Kingdom would like to get into direct touch with Canadian services as regards further details.

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*Le chargé d'affaires aux États-Unis au secrétaire d'État  
aux Affaires extérieures*

*Chargé d'Affaires in United States to Secretary of State  
for External Affairs*

DESPATCH 1654

Washington, September 6, 1939

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose copies of the following documents:

1. A proclamation by the President of the United States of America proclaiming the neutrality of the United States in the war between Germany and France; Poland; and the United Kingdom, India, Australia and New Zealand.

2. A proclamation by the President of the United States of America regarding the export of arms, ammunition, and implements of war to France; Germany; Poland; and the United Kingdom, India, Australia and New Zealand.