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15th November, 1944.

N. A. Robertson, Esq.,
Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs,
East Block, Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Robertson:

I am enclosing a copy of a draft memorandum to the War Committee of the Cabinet respecting two Canadian Long Range Navigation Stations which have been established at Baccaro Point and Deming Island, Nova Scotia. These stations form a part of a network of Loran Stations originally planned by the Canadian - United States Permanent Joint Board on Defence at a meeting held at Quebec, P.Q., on the 26th May, 1943.

Before proceeding with this submission, I would like to be assured that the obligations of the United States Government, as set forth in the second and third paragraphs thereof, are correct. In particular it would be appreciated if you could have confirmed the fact that these two stations, including the equipment and the buildings housing the equipment, have been turned over to the Royal Canadian Navy for ownership and operation.

It has always been our understanding that the equipment and equipment buildings were provided by the United States Government free of charge and that they are to be turned over to the Canadian Government to be disposed of as it sees fit. However, there does not appear to be anything in writing from the U.S. Government which confirms this understanding and it would therefore be appreciated if you could obtain confirmation of the position as set forth in paragraphs 2 and 3 of the attached memorandum to the War Committee of the Cabinet.

Yours truly,

(W.G.Mills)
Deputy Minister

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