

Division. After a general discussion with these officers, Commander Sherman and myself discussed the aviation aspect.

2. A very keen interest was displayed in the Maritime Provinces, Newfoundland, Labrador and Greenland, but no interest beyond this was shown insofar as the defence of North America is concerned. Definitely no interest was shown in Iceland, though it was appreciated that possession of this island could seriously interfere with shipping in the North Atlantic.

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8. Commander Sherman discussed the advisability of having advanced operating bases throughout the Maritimes and two on the South coast of Newfoundland. He also discussed the problem of some more advanced re-fuelling and re-arming posts along the coast of Labrador and the West coast of Greenland.

9. It was intimated that the U.S. Navy are giving consideration to requesting Canada for permission to extend civil aviation routes to the Maritimes of Canada and that these civil operation companies might be encouraged by the U.S. to build operating facilities, including beams and radio communications. The question of providing R.D.F. stations along the coast of Labrador and the East coast of Greenland were discussed briefly.

10. Figures given are only approximate as an indication of what might be expected.

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[PIÈCE JOINTE 3/ENCLOSURE 3]

*Annexe au rapport d'une réunion tenue à Washington pour  
discuter de la défense de la côte atlantique*

*Appendix to Report of a Meeting at Washington to Discuss  
the Defence of the Atlantic Coast*

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[APPENDIX D]

U.S. ARMY AVIATION OUTLOOK

1. Early on the afternoon of 11th of July, by previous appointment, I was shown to the office of General Strong but he was not available at the time and I called later in the afternoon.

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3. From the Army (Air) point of view, facilities for the operation of large numbers of landplanes was the principal concern. The General stressed the desirability of having at least one large aerodrome in Newfoundland and one in the Maritime Provinces with runways 5,000 feet long for the operation of their large 4-engine bombers.