PROPOSAL FROM FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY FOR ORE CARRIERS

Question No. 2,330-Mr. Forrestall:

Does the government anticipate receiving from the Federal Republic of Germany, of from firms based therein, in (a) 1973 (b) 1974 (c) 1975 a detailed proposal for ore carriers with Arctic ice capability and, if so, from what firm or firms is this expected?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): 1. (a) No; (b) no; (c) no.

GOVERNMENT INTEREST IN ORE CARRIERS WITH POLAR CAPABILITY

Question No. 2,331-Mr. Forrestall:

- 1. Has the government indicated to Canadian industry its interest in proposals for ore carriers with polar capability?
- 2. Has the government sought from Canadian interests such proposals and (a) if so (i) on what date (ii) from what specific firms (iii) in what manner was the invitation extended (b) if not, for what reason?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): 1. The Ministry of Transport has indicated to Canadian industries its interest in learning the types and numbers of vessels that could prove most suitable for potential Arctic ore trades.

2. No; (b) the Ministry of Transport has not sought proposals from Canadian industries on ore carriers with polar capability because it does not contemplate entering the ore trade. Its officials have, however, discussed in conceptual terms various ideas on ore carriers on various occasions with representatives of naval architectural firms, Canadian and foreign operating companies and other interested marine groups.

NATIONAL DEFENCE—MARITIME COMMAND, OPERATION ABOVE 60 DEGREES OF UNDERWATER VESSELS

Question No. 2,333-Mr. Forrestall:

- 1. What are the specific plans for developing an underwater capability for Maritime Command, north of 60 degrees parallel?
- 2. On what date can these plans be expected to be in operational phase, or when will the first of any new series of underwater vessels be put into service?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence): 1 and 2. Maritime Command submarines now operate in some waters north of 60 degrees north latitude during certain times of the year. Whether or not this underwater capability will be enhanced or expanded is dependent upon staff studies now in progress.

NATIONAL DEFENCE—SURFACE AND AIR CAPABILITY NORTH OF 60 DEGREE LATITUDE

Question No. 2,334—Mr. Forrestall:

- 1. What are the specific plans for developing a surface capability for Maritime Command, exclusive of aerial reconnaissance, north of 60 degrees parallel?
- 2. On what date can these plans be expected to be put into operational phase, or when will the first surface vessels be in service?

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Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence): 1 and 2. Maritime Command surface ships now operate in some waters north of 60 degrees north latitude during certain times of the year. Whether or not this surface capability will be enhanced or expanded is dependent upon staff studies now in progress.

NATIONAL DEFENCE—MARITIME CAPABILITY NORTH OF 60 DEGREES PARALLEL

Question No. 2,336—Mr. Forrestall:

- 1. Is consideration being given to Maritime Command capability north of 60 degrees parallel and, if so, in what substantive form?
- 2. If there is present capacity, what is it, exclusive of Canadian Coast Guard capability as listed in response to Question No. 1,900?
- 3. If there is no existing capability for operations north of 60 degrees parallel, for what reason?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence): 1. As a result of the guidelines set forth in "Defence in the 70s", Canada's military maritime force requirements are under review to ensure that the Maritime Command has the capability to meet its assigned roles.

- 2. Ships of Maritime Command are capable of operating north of 60 degrees north latitude during certain times of the year; aircraft at all times.
 - 3. Not applicable.

ASSIGNMENT OF COAST GUARD VESSELS

Question No. 2,339-Mr. Forrestall:

Are all Department of Transport vessels assigned to Canadian Coast Guard service and, if not, which ones are not so assigned, and for what reason?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): All vessels owned by the Ministry of Transport are operated by the Canadian Coast Guard with the exception of ferries and coasting vessels owned by the ministry and operated by Canadian National Railways. It should be noted that Schedule C and D Corporations reporting to the Minister of Transport operate their own craft.

USE OF RECYCLED PAPER

Question No. 2,353—Mr. Beattie (Hamilton Mountain):

- 1. What actions that specifically promote the use of recycled paper have been undertaken by the government in the past five years?
- 2. Have any new initiatives been undertaken in 1973 and, if so, what are they?
- 3. Does the government have a policy that specifies a certain percentage of all paper ordered is recycled paper and (a) if so, on what date was such a policy effected (b) if not, is it the intention of the government to undertake such a policy?
- 4. Has the government held any meetings with the publishing industry with regard to the use of recycled paper and, if not, are any meetings planned in this regard?
- 5. Has the government considered making incentives of any type available for those firms and organizations that use recycled paper?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of the Environment): 1. Prior to undertaking specific action to promote use of