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PERMANENT JOINT BOARD ON DEFENCE

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DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

at the

MEETING OF THE BOARD, OTTAWA, APRIL 29, 1946.

1. The Permanent Joint Board on Defence met in Ottawa on Monday, April 29, 1946, at 5.00 p.m. in the Conference Room, Department of External Affairs. The following members participated:

Canadian Section

Gen. the Hon. A.G.L. McNaughton
Captain H.N. Lay (vice Commodore
H. G. DeWolf)
Major General D. C. Spry
Colonel J. H. Jenkins
Air Vice Marshal W. A. Curtis
Group Captain W. W. Bean
Mr. R. M. Macdonnell, Secretary

United States Section

Mr. F. H. LaGuardia
Major General Guy V. Henry
Rear Admiral R. E. Schuirmann
Colonel C. H. Deerwester
Mr. J. Graham Parsons, Secretary

2. The Board discussed at length the question of immediate air base requirements in Northern Canada and Labrador. It was recognized that, although the United States at the conclusion of the war in Europe had declared the Crimson Route in Northeastern Canada to possess no continuing defence value, this declaration was based on ~~the~~ existing considerations. In general, the Board were agreed that final decisions could not be reached until the joint Canada-United States planning groups had submitted their recommendations. It was felt, however, that the contemplated studies would reveal a need for a number of air bases in the North and that considerations of prudence and economy indicated the desirability of maintaining these bases since to close them down