

Room 2118 - New War Department Building

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CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. John D. Hickerson  
Secretary, Permanent Joint Board on Defense,  
Room 388, State Department,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Hickerson:

I received your letter of November 17th, 1944, which contained the text of a message regarding the status of the Loran equipment at Baccaro Point and Deming Island, Nova Scotia, which you received from Mr. Keenleyside.

Upon inquiry in the Navy Department it was pointed out that Mr. Keenleyside's question was answered in a letter addressed to Secretary, Naval Board, Department of National Defense, Naval Service Headquarters, Ottawa, Canada, from the Chief of Naval Operations, dated 22 December 1943. Paragraph 4 of the letter stated in part:

"The Navy Department does not desire to submit invoices to RCN covering the developmental equipment now in service, which was originally supplied under National Defense Research Committee contracts in which, in part, were subsequently taken over by the Navy Department, nor for miscellaneous materials supplied during the physical construction of BAKER and DOG."

This should be sufficient authority that the material in question was turned over to the Royal Canadian Navy without charge.

Sincerely yours,

A.W. JOHNSON

Vice-Admiral, USN

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