

[PIÈCE JOINTE/ENCLOSURE]

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(a) Navy.

1. The six destroyers of the Royal Canadian Navy to be placed under Admiralty orders (unless it is necessary from the Canadian point of view to retain two destroyers on the west coast the Admiralty would prefer to employ them on the east coast).

2. The completion of the fitting of Asdic equipment to "Saguenay" and "Skeena" and 14 minesweepers.

3. Naval bases at Halifax and Esquimalt, especially the former, to be placed in complete readiness including Anti Submarine boom and to be available for Royal Navy.

4. 8 Minesweeping vessels to be taken up and fitted at Sydney Cape Breton and 6 Minesweeping and three Anti Submarine at St. John's Newfoundland.

5. Provision for the maintenance of a reserve of 30 thousand tons of naval fuel oil at Halifax.

6. Small craft for Anti Submarine and Minesweeping duties to assist the Commander-in-Chief, America and West Indies Station, in West Indian local defence.

7. Provision of aircraft for seaward reconnaissance at the convoy assembly port of Halifax.

8. Fleet air arm. Aerodrome facilities for the operation of 6 aircraft and accommodation at Esquimalt for 3 aircraft and 8 reserve aircraft. Accommodation at Halifax for 1 officer 13 Chief Petty Officers and 28 men and at Esquimalt for 1 officer 5 Chief Petty Officers,* Petty Officers and 11 men. The maintenance at Halifax of 500 tons of D.T.D. 230 aviation spirit and 30 tons aero lubricating oil. D.T.D. 109.

9. Fitting out "Letitia", at present at Quebec, as a Merchant Cruiser at an east coast port. Fitting [sic] out as Merchant Cruisers at Esquimalt of Monowai and Rajputana at present in Australia and China respectively, to be capitalized later.

10. Canadian Government to proceed with arming of Defensively Equipped Merchant Ships. If convenient, the majority of equipments at Esquimalt to be transferred to the east coast. Defensively Equipped Merchant Ships instructional staff mainly required at Canadian ports (appendix CBO 1764/39) and gun-layers in Defensively Equipped Merchant Ships to be provided from

* number being ascertained.

¹ Du gouvernement de Grande-Bretagne/by British Government.