

original had been virtually eliminated and new material inserted in place of the deleted portions.

For your reference I have attached the original brief as Appendix C and the altered brief as Appendix D.

The changes which were made are as follows:

1. On Page 2 of the original brief I had said, and I quote—"So much of the World's goods move by sea that the slightest disruption to sea transport can create chaos in very short time. The situation in Britain today gives undisputable evidence of this, a situation which is having serious repercussions in Canada." This was altered to read—"So much of the World's goods move by sea that the slightest disruption to sea transport can create chaos in a very short time. The situation in Britain today gives evidence to this."

This change was one referred to by the Minister as requiring amendment. As the seaman's strike in Britain was headline news and as it was, in fact, seriously affecting Canadian trade I could see no reason for the change. However, had I been asked to agree to the change I would most certainly have given my consent for I didn't feel then, or now that it deprived the Committee of essential information.

2. The next change occurred on page 3, of the original and will be found on page 2 of the altered—version.

I had used several examples of the use of sea power since World War II, and taken as examples Korea, Cuba, Suez, Viet Nam, Lebanon, and Kuwait. In my text I had said—"The present blockade of Rhodesia is yet another example." This was deleted entirely. Here again I could not see the point of the deletion because I had prefixed the whole series of examples by saying, and I quote—"forgetting for the moment the rights or wrongs of these events"—This is the second observation the Minister made and said an amendment would be necessary. As the deletion was only one example in a whole series of examples, had I been asked for consent I would not have hesitated to give it. Here again I did not think the Committee was being deprived of anything essential.

3. The third change occurred on page 7 of the original text and is related to page 5 of the altered version. In the original I had said, and I quote—"There are other Soviet vessels which look like trawlers which spend their time on station off the coasts of North America monitoring radio circuits and other electronic transmissions. They are in fact spies on our doorstep and they are always with us looking for intelligence. I would be a poor neighbour of yours if I sat at my window with binoculars watching the activities of your household. I personally think that a nation which keeps electronic binoculars trained on Canada and the United States is showing an unhealthy attitude towards us. Because they are legally on the high seas we must put up with their presence, but as far as I am concerned they constitute an important part of a war making machine and so cannot be ignored."

This was altered to read and I quote—

"There are other Soviet vessels which look like trawlers but which spend their time on station off the coasts of North America monitoring radio circuits and other electronic transmissions".