

4. The Chiefs of Staff, as stated in the previous submission, are of the opinion that the encasing of the tanks in concrete or splinter-proof collars, and the camouflaging of the tanks, are unnecessary, but that the other works proposed at Lewisporte should be proceeded with.

5. With regard to the cost of the work, completion of which is recommended, the Department of Munitions and Supply advises that there were discrepancies between their estimates of the cost of the work and that of contractors approached which were never settled by reason of the authorized cancellation of the work. The amounts to be paid by the Companies may, as a result of renewed negotiations, be varied. It will therefore be necessary for the Department of Munitions and Supply to reopen negotiations before being able to determine the actual cost involved in completing the works recommended by the Chiefs of Staff, and the distribution of such cost between those concerned.

6. The Chiefs of Staff do not recommend the continuation of any of the other works cancelled pursuant to the approved recommendation of the Minister of Munitions and Supply.

7. The Chiefs of Staff also recommend the approval in principle by Cabinet War Committee, of a policy that physical protective measures at commercial fuel storage installations generally should not be permitted to deteriorate or be omitted in the case of new construction, to the extent that they will fall below normal peace-time standards of commercial safety and fire protection.

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