

as many ships and aircraft fully equipped with anti-submarine devices, as possible.

5. We feel it desirable to have these observations drawn to the attention of the United Kingdom government, lest there be any misunderstanding of the importance which the Canadian government and their service advisers attach to this matter, or of the extent of the measures being taken by Canada to meet this problem.*

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DND HQS 7410-7

*Le chef de l'état-major général à l'officier général commandant en chef,
région navale de l'Atlantique*

*Chief of the General Staff to General Officer Commanding in Chief,
Atlantic Command*

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[Ottawa,] May 1, 1941

JOINT DEFENCE PLANS
ATLANTIC COMMAND

1. I am directed to acknowledge your A.C.S. 10-11-1 dated 28th April, 1941.¹

2. In reply to para. 3 thereof, I am to refer to para. 2 of the Appreciation of the Chiefs of Staff Committee which is attached as an Appendix to the Defence of Canada Plan, March, 1941.² It is considered that even though the United Kingdom were overrun by Germany, no large scale attack on the North American continent with a view to invasion is a contingency that needs to be anticipated or planned for. Therefore, while the scales of attack would remain the same with the additional risk in regard to Airport,³ it might be anticipated that raids and/or bombardments on the scale laid down would become more probable and more frequent, if the worst contingency happened.

3. Your recommendations with regard to the Airport area have been considered, but in view of the Joint reconnaissance to be carried out it is felt that the outcome of this reconnaissance and your recommendations as a result should be awaited before a final decision is reached.

* Note telle que dans l'original:

As approved by War Cabinet Committee amended
by P.M. A. D. P. II[EENEY] 9.4.41.

* Note as in original:

¹ Non reproduit.

² Aucune copie de la version de mars 1941
du plan n'a été trouvée.

³ L'aéroport de Gander.

¹ Not printed.

² No copy of the March 1941 version of
the plan has been found.

³ Gander Airport.