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MEMORANDUM FOR PRIME MINISTER

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ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

The following information requested by the Prime Minister has been submitted by the Chief of Naval Staff (Admiral P. W. Nelles).

Total personnel- 9,700.Disposition of ShipsDestroyersOther ShipsOverseas40Atlantic349Pacific032

(The above figures take no account of harbour craft)

For details of disposition, see page 3.

Note on progress of building program

R.C.N. We have placed, or are in process of placing, orders for sixty <u>corvettes</u> (anti-submarines). Of these we shall get delivery of thirty by January 1, 1941. Of these thirty, twenty are for the R.C.N. and ten for the Admiralty.

R.N. In addition, the Admiralty has under construction in Canada ten corvettes.

<u>R.C.N.</u> We have ordered, or are in the process of placing orders for, thirty-eight <u>mine sweepers</u> (all of these for R.C.N.) Of these six will be delivered by Christmas of this year. The remainder of both the corvettes and mine sweepers will be completed in 1941.

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