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THE MINISTERS:

The Chiefs of Staff have been advised of the approval on 4th August by Cabinet War Committee, of a recommendation submitted by the Minister of Munitions and Supply, that, in view of the improved situation as evidenced by the approved forms and scales of attack, certain proposed projects for the additional protection of petroleum storage, particularly at Lewisporte, be indefinitely postponed.

2. The Chiefs of Staff, being of the opinion that the question of protection of petroleum storage generally, and Lewisporte particularly, as it is the main reserve storage for Newfoundland, is of vital importance, directed the Joint Planning Sub Committee to study and report on this matter.

3. The Chiefs of Staff concur in the report of the Joint Planning Sub Committee, a copy of which is attached, and which, in short, recommends:

- (a) That physical protective measures at commercial fuel storage installations generally should not be permitted to deteriorate or be deferred to the extent that they will fall below normal peace-time standards of commercial safety and fire protection.
- (b) That in the case of Lewisporte, certain proposed protective measures now postponed in accordance with the decision of Cabinet War Committee, should be proceeded with.

4. It is therefore recommended that the decision of the Cabinet War Committee to postpone projected protective measures be reviewed with a view to permitting completion of any work necessary to bring the protective measures up to the standard recommended by the Joint Planning Sub Committee and concurred in by the Chiefs of Staff.

Submitted for consideration.

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