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THE MINISTERS:

The Chiefs of Staff beg to refer to their submission No. 43-37 dated 10th November 1943 regarding the protection of petroleum storage, and in accordance with the decision of the meeting of Cabinet War Committee held 17th November, beg to submit more specific recommendations.

2. After consideration by the Director of Protection of Petroleum Reserves and the Chiefs of Staff Committee, the following programme for the protection of the petroleum storage at Lewisporte was approved:

- (i) That the tanks be provided with adequate fire walls to hold the capacity of the tanks.
(To be under supervision of Munitions and Supply.)
- (ii) That the pipelines to the docks be provided with additional block valves to be located outside the fire basin, and also at a point approximately half way to the docks.
(To be under supervision of Munitions and Supply.)
- (iii) That the property be fenced.
(To be under supervision of Munitions and Supply and additional fencing by the Army.)
- (iv) That the tanks be encased in concrete or native rock splinter-proof collars.
(To be under supervision of Munitions and Supply.)
- (v) That the fields adjacent to the Oil Companies' property be cleared of brushwood.
(To be under supervision of the Army.)
- (vi) That the tanks be camouflaged.
(To be under supervision of Munitions and Supply.)
- (vii) That the military protection of the tanks be placed in the hands of the Canadian Army detachment located at Lewisporte, Nfld.
(To be under supervision of the Army.)

3. The Department of Munitions and Supply estimated that the costs for the work involved would be as follows:

- (a) For erection of fire walls - \$11,000- to be borne \$6,000 by Imperial Oil and \$5,000 by Shell Oil.
- (b) Installation of block valves and fencing around the property - \$5,500 - to be borne \$3,500 by Imperial Oil and \$2,000 by Shell Oil. In addition the Army propose to erect certain additional fences outside the Oil Companies' property and other structures, such as guard houses, at a total cost of \$3,000.
- (c) Casing of tanks in concrete or splinter-proof collars, and camouflaging of tanks - \$125,000 to be paid out of public funds.

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