

Air Force on taking over operation of the Landlines System.

4. United States requirements at Goose Bay and Gander airports were given in a further memorandum from General Henry to Air Vice Marshal Curtis which is also attached as an Appendix. Air Vice Marshal Curtis pointed out that R.C.A.F. personnel would be withdrawn from Gander by the end of May and would therefore be unable to provide housing and messing facilities thereafter.

5. Air Vice Marshal Curtis asked whether the United States Services were in a position to state their requirements with respect to airfields on the Pacific Coastal Route to Alaska. Captain Baker stated that no specific decisions had been reached, although it was hoped that this route would be kept available. After discussion it was agreed that Air Vice Marshal Curtis should give General Henry particulars of the fields on this route which it is proposed to declare surplus so that United States views and comments could be sent forward. It was understood that no fields will be declared surplus until there has been discussion between the United States and Canadian services.

6. Captain Baker raised the question of the desirability, of maintaining the Cathode Ray Direction Finder service and network at Prince George, Dogcreek, Sandspit (Queen Charlotte), Sea Island, and Patricia Bay. Air Vice Marshal Curtis said that these stations would be kept in operation at least until an investigation had been made as to whether one or more should be closed. The results of this investigation would be given to the United States authorities and no action would be taken to close any of these stations until there had been discussion between the Canadian and United States authorities.