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APPENDIX I

(PARA I)

PERMANENT JOINT BOARD ON DEFENCE

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NOTES FOR MEMBERS, PJBD:

SUBJECT: Canadian-U.S. Cold Weather Developments

1. The Canadian Army has made inquiry regarding the feasibility of sending small detachments to Alaska, including the Aleutians, for the purpose of testing Canadian equipment in that climate already developed at Fort Churchill.

2. The Canadian Army has been informed that any requests to send a small detachment to any occupied station or stations in Alaska for the above-mentioned purpose will be reviewed favorably in the War Department. The U.S. Army does not now have in Alaska any installation comparable with Fort Churchill. It does hope, however, to develop such an installation. When such plans are firmly outlined, the Canadian Army will be informed and invited to participate.

3. The United States Army is conducting a joint Air-Ground maneuver in Alaska for the Winter 1947-48, involving air-lift and rotation of four (4) Reinforced Rifle Companies. The general concept of this maneuver is that one reinforced company per month will be air-lifted from the United States to Alaska and return for training and maneuvering in Alaska during the period 1 November 1947 to 1 March 1948 with approximately a twenty-five (25) days cycle per company. While in Alaska, each reinforced company will execute a sustained maneuver of approximately five (5) days elapsed time. Maneuver problems will be those of the defense or attack of an area.

4. The War Department will welcome Canadian Army observers during the maneuver described in paragraph 3, above.

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