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Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures au gouverneur de Terre-Neuve Secretary of State for External Affairs to Governor of Newfoundland

Telegram 1

Ottawa, January 3, 1940

Your telegram September 6, 1939, concerning flying by Royal Canadian Air Force Newfoundland and Labrador and use of airport facilities. During the coming year, it is proposed to establish an advanced base for seaplanes at Red Bay in the Straits of Belle Isle. If the Government of Newfoundland have no objection, it is proposed to erect certain buildings and to install a wharf or slipway on a site of unoccupied ground which has been chosen for the purpose. The site is approximately three to four hundred yards north of the church at Red Bay.

Canadian Government would greatly appreciate it if your Government would grant the necessary permission.

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Le gouverneur de Terre-Neuve au secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures Governor of Newfoundland to Secretary of State for External Affairs

TELEGRAM 1

St. John's, January 5, 1940

Your telegram No. 1 of January 3rd. Newfoundland Government agree to your using area of unoccupied Crown land selected at Red Bay for as long as necessary for building wharf, etc., for establishment of the Royal Canadian Air Force advance base for scaplanes. We also reaffirm offer of use of facilities at Botwood as intermediate base.

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Le haut commissariat de Grande-Bretagne au sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures

High Commission of Great Britain to Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs

516 K/17 Secret

Ottawa, January 17, 1940

Dear Dr. Skelton,

I should be glad if you would be good enough to let me know whether you expect shortly to be in a position to reply to my letter of the 22nd November (516 K/17) regarding the problem of the defence of Bell Island in Conception Bay, Newfoundland. The Commission of Government of Newfoundland are pressing the High Commissioner for a reply and Sir Gerald Campbell would like to be able to send an answer as soon as practicable.

Yours sincerely,

W. C. HANKINSON