

(Minister's memoranda to Cabinet Defence Committee, R.C.N. programme, Aug.17; R.C.A.F. programme, Aug.17; and National Defence memorandum, Army plans, undated)

19. The Cabinet, after considerable discussion:

(a) noted with approval the reports concerning plans for acceleration of the programmes of the three armed forces;

(b) agreed that authority be granted for arrangements to be undertaken to speed up tooling for the production of army vehicles; commitment authority up to \$15 million to be granted accordingly;

(c) noted the report of the Chief of the General Staff concerning the Special Force and agreed that recruiting be continued up to a total of 9,979 officers and men and that confidential enquiries be initiated to ascertain what arrangements might be made for the transfer on completion of individual training to bases in Japan or the United States for further training; such enquiries to be on the understanding that any transfer would be subject to the authorization by Parliament of the use of the Force in Korea;

(d) agreed that the Special Force be equipped with British type equipment and, if possible, rely on the U.K. supply line from Hong Kong for replacements;

(e) agreed that the Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs be authorized to inform the Acting High Commissioner for the United Kingdom that, for reasons of operational efficiency, the Government felt it might be desirable for troops using the same type of equipment to be associated with one another but that it was not considered desirable that any force should be formed or designated as a Commonwealth Division;

(f) agreed that the Minister of National Defence inform the U.K. service authorities that the Canadian Government would be prepared to make available training facilities for 150 air crew in the year beginning January 1st, 1951, and for the extension of such

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