

While no large scale attack upon Newfoundland need be anticipated, it was, in his opinion, necessary to provide adequate means of preventing possible raids, particularly upon the sea plane base, aerodrome and harbour. It was not beyond our capabilities to provide adequate defences for this limited purpose.

19. MR. POWER reported that consideration had been given by the Chiefs of Staff to steps which should be taken in the naval, military and air spheres. As a result he recommended as follows:

- (1) That staff talks should immediately be instituted between Canadian and American officers regarding specific problems involved in the defence of the Atlantic Coast.

This was agreed.

- (2) That a communication should be sent to the government of Newfoundland and to the U.K. government, proposing the immediate despatch of a reconnaissance party to review the defence situation and recommend measures to be adopted.

This was agreed, and Mr. Power handed to the Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs a draft telegram which had been prepared in this respect.

(See Cypher telegram No. 13 of June the 14th, 1940¹, from the Secretary of State for External Affairs to the Governor of Newfoundland, St. John's).

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1. Herewith Chiefs of Staff Committee Plan (First Draft) for the Defence of Canada.

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¹ Document 106.