

(Enclosure)

MEMORANDUM setting forth the conclusions reached at a meeting between representatives of the United States and Canadian Governments at Ottawa, October 20, 1944, to deal with Procedures relating to acquisition by the Canadian Government of land required for United States war projects in Canada.

1. The conclusion was reached that the acquisition by the Canadian Government of land required for United States war projects in Canada should be in accordance with the following procedure:

In all cases where land is needed by the United States for a major war project, a request concerning it should be forwarded through the State Department to the Department of External Affairs. In the case of minor projects involving the use of land, the United States authorities should communicate their requirements, in the case of land in Northwest Canada, to the Special Commissioner for Defence Projects in Northwest Canada, Edmonton, Alberta. (For the purpose of this memorandum, Northwest Canada is deemed to include all lands situated in Canada west of the fourth meridian in the system of Dominion land surveys). In the case of minor projects situated in other parts of Canada, the appropriate channel would be through the Department of External Affairs. In all cases, in the event that the request is approved, the appropriate authorities of the Canadian Government will take the necessary steps to have the land placed at the disposal of the United States authorities. In cases in which the land needed is Crown land in the right of a province, or private property, the Canadian Government will take immediate steps to secure title to or a lease of the land and will then make it available to the United States authorities in precisely the same way as in the case of land originally held by the Canadian Government. It is also understood that this procedure will apply in all cases where land is required but that it will not be applicable in cases where all that is needed is existing office space or housing, or leases of parts of existing buildings or of entire existing buildings.

This procedure and the other arrangements made hereunder are not intended to interfere with, or limit in any way, the procedure adopted for the handling of recommendations made by the Permanent Joint Board on Defence.

2. The conclusion was reached that the assignment of existing leaseholds in Canada, held for war purposes, should be carried out in accordance with the following procedures and understandings:

- (a) The transactions should extend to leaseholds in all parts of Canada. In Northwest Canada the transactions should be dealt with through the office of the Special Commissioner for Defence Projects in Northwest Canada, Edmonton, Alberta. In the case of lands in other parts of Canada, the transactions should be dealt with by direct communication through the United States Military Attache at Ottawa and the Department of Transport.