

the Defence of Newfoundland: Minister of National Defence for Air, Chief of the Air Staff, Commanding Officer Atlantic Coast, AOC Eastern Air Command.

The remarks and recommendations of the Joint Planning Subcommittee will be considered in detail on receipt of the Report of the Special Committee.¹

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2. The first order of business was the discussion of the draft recommendation of the Board in regard to Newfoundland, which had been prepared following the first meeting. Substitute texts were presented and the Board finally decided upon the recommendation which is included in paragraph 8 of the Journal for the 26th of August.²

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Mémoire du sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
Memorandum by Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs

Ottawa, August 28, 1940

CANADIAN DEFENCE ACTIVITIES IN NEWFOUNDLAND

Mr. King said today he would like to obtain a full report on the Newfoundland defence situation. He was anxious about the spending of a million dollars—the orders having been given by Mr. Power before approval had been secured. He thought the people of Canada might question expenditure made in that way—also that it might have been borne by the United Kingdom. If the United States was now leasing areas in Newfoundland as air bases, why should we not at least get a lease on the aerodrome which we

¹ Les recherches ne nous ont pas permis de découvrir un tel rapport. Il semblerait que le rapport attendu des officiers qui visitèrent Terre-Neuve avec Power fut compris dans le compte rendu que ce dernier présenta au Comité de guerre du Cabinet. Voir le document 92.

² Voir le document 210.

¹ Research has discovered no such report. It would appear that it, like the report expected from the officers who visited Newfoundland with Power, was covered by his report to the Cabinet War Committee. See Document 92.

² See Document 210.