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**MEMORANDUM**

**CABINET WAR COMMITTEE**

**RE: Armament Research and Development  
Establishment at Valcartier, P.Q.**

1. Treasury Board have requested a decision in principle with regard to the recommendation of the Minister of National Defence concerning the organization of a Canadian Armament Research and Development Establishment at Valcartier, P.Q.
2. The purpose of the Establishment is to centralize all armament studies and research which is now the responsibility of various technical groups and committees. Such a development would be in accord with U.K. and U.S.A. practice. It would, moreover, provide the Armed Forces with the technical personnel necessary to carry out research work and advise armament manufacturers. In addition, a substantial saving would be made possible.
3. The Minister's proposal seeks authorization for,-
  - (a) A new home war establishment for an Armament Research and Development Establishment (Cdn. V/585/1) to consist of 36 officers, 159 other ranks and 30 vehicles.
  - (b) Co-incident with the authorization of the establishment, the calling out and placing on active service of the Canadian Armament Research and Development Establishment as an Active Unit of the Canadian Army.
4. The war establishment upon which the organization is to be based, provides that certain appointments on the staff may be filled by Naval, Air Force or civilian personnel. The proposed regulations governing the employment of civilians provide salaries for administration and maintenance personnel, at the established rate set for similar classifications in the Civil Service and for scientific and technical personnel at the approved rates of the War Time Bureau of Technical Personnel. The appointment and retirement of civilians would be carried out by the Deputy Minister of National Defence (Army) on the recommendation of the Master General of the Ordnance.
5. The estimated cost for six months of 1944-45 amounts to \$977,232 of which \$504,339 is non-recurring. The necessary funds are reported to be available.
6. The President of the National Research Council has examined the proposal and considers the organization of the Establishment to be a sound and constructive development.

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