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The Secretary
Dept of National Defence
OTTAWA

Attn: DSD(W)

MINE DETECTOR RESEARCH

1. DSRD at Ministry of Supply (Brig Hickman) has written this HQ, as shown in the attached appendix, requesting that certain items of British mine detector eqpt be taken on charge for use of Maj L S Russell, who has been employed at SRDE in this country on mine detector research.
2. Since Maj Russell is returning to civil life to the Department of Geology of the Toronto University, this HQ did not approve of the principle of placing military equipment on loan to a civilian, even though he may become connected with the NPAM or the Reserve of Officers in Canada.
3. In connection with the last paragraph, however, it is suggested that it may be of considerable advantage to continue to use Maj Russell in an advisory capacity to HRC, DE & CD, or whatever organization may continue post-war mine detection work in Canada.
4. May this HQ receive your opinions in regard to continued employment of Maj Russell in such an advisory capacity in view of the great amount of information which he now has at his disposal in regard to mine detector equipment.

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