

With regard to training of force we suggest that War Office should be invited to assist by lending us the services of (a) experienced military officer to organize force (b) two non-commissioned officers to help in training it. If so, they should be made available at earliest opportunity and at any rate immediately emergency arises. In the event of your advising that Force should be organized at early date we would suggest approach to Government of Canada to assist in supply of necessary equipment.<sup>1</sup>

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*Le secrétaire aux Dominions au gouverneur de Terre-Neuve*  
*Dominions Secretary to Governor of Newfoundland*

TELEGRAM

[London,] September 27, 1938

SECRET. With reference to Secret Despatch from Canadian Government to you, No. 185 of the 27th July, of which Clutterbuck has copy, and to Private Secretary's letter to Clutterbuck 5th May containing report of conversations at Ottawa, we should be glad to know whether there have been any further developments in regard to question of co-operation between Newfoundland and Canada in defence matters, including use of Newfoundland Airport.

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*Le secrétaire aux Dominions au secrétaire d'État*  
*aux Affaires extérieures*  
*Dominions Secretary to Secretary of State*  
*for External Affairs*

DESPATCH CANADA 323

London, October 21, 1938

SECRET

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your secret despatch No. 185 of the 27th July regarding conversations earlier in the year between the Secretary to the Governor of Newfoundland and representatives of the three defence services of Canada, as a result of which His Majesty's Government in Canada enquired what measures, naval and air, for the defence of Newfoundland were contemplated by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom in the event of war.

<sup>1</sup>Ni cette initiative, ni une autre plus élaborée présentée en décembre 1938 ne suscita une réponse favorable à Londres; cependant un certain progrès fut enregistré à l'été de 1939. Voir les documents 26, 29 à 33.

<sup>1</sup>Neither this initiative nor a more fully elaborated one in December, 1938 elicited a positive response in London; however some headway was made in the summer of 1939. See documents 26, 29 to 33