

2. Review of Mainguy Report by Commodore James Plomer—tabled November 28, 1963—(Exhibit No. 7)—(Printed as Appendix to Proceedings No. 21).
3. Prepared Statement to Defence Committee by the Voice of Women, Canada—tabled November 28, 1963—(Exhibit No. 8).
4. Brief on Research and Defence, with Appendices, by Canadian Peace Research Institute—tabled November 28, 1963—(Exhibit No. 9).

12. This is the first time that the House of Commons has appointed a Special Committee on Defence with specific powers to examine all aspects of Defence Policy. It is true that, since 1941, the House appointed many Special Committees to consider defence expenditures:

Special Committee on War Expenditures	—1941
Special Committee on War Expenditures	—1942
Special Committee on War Expenditures	—1943
Special Committee on War Expenditures	—1944
Special Committee on War Expenditures and Economies	—1945
Special Committee on War Expenditures and Economies	—1946
Special Committee on Defence Expenditures	
	(2nd Session) —1951
Special Committee on Defence Expenditures	—1952
Special Committee on Defence Expenditures	—1953
Standing Committee on Estimates (Defence Expenditures)	—1958
Special Committee on Defence Expenditures	—1960

13. The Committee considered that it should examine the future defence policy rather than to review in detail the past. It must be remembered that between the time policy is decided upon and it is put into effect there is necessarily a lapse of time. This is especially so when a new direction is given to such policy, which may involve the planning and acquisition of new and complicated equipment, as well as the retraining of personnel.

14. The Committee was appointed at a time when Canada, in the light of new strategic concepts, must reconsider the part that its armed forces will be called upon to play for the defence of our country and of the free world in the framework of her alliances and her international commitments.

15. The Committee has been provided with advice and assistance by personnel from the Public Service on an *ad hoc* basis. This procedure is not wholly satisfactory. The wide scope of the study and the complexities of the problems of Defence emphasize the necessity of a continuing technical assistance, responsible to the Committee.

16. This interim report is submitted at this time so that the Government may have the Committee's present recommendations before the Government brings down its proposed White Paper on Defence.

17. The Committee is now in a position to make some recommendations and to draw up a list of the important matters which it wishes still to examine, reserving the right to study other problems besides those mentioned in this interim report.