

The editorial devices are similar to those described in the Introduction to Volume 9 (p. xix). A dagger (†) indicates that a document has not been printed in this volume; an ellipse (...) represents an editorial omission.

I was given full access to the available records in the Department of External Affairs central registry files, the L.B. Pearson Papers, and the L.S. St. Laurent Papers. Unfortunately, the Privy Council Office, at the time I consulted it, was unable to provide a finding aid for its collection for 1953. The selection of documents from that source, therefore, was taken from materials chosen by the PCO. Those responsible for other collections kindly gave permission to consult those records when requested. One document selected for publication was not released by the Permanent Joint Board on Defence; documents 592, 593 and 594 were edited by External Affairs and International Trade Canada in conformity with the Access to Information and Privacy Act.

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