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26th November, 1957.

SUBJECT: Accident - Douglas DC-3 Aircraft, CF-DGJ,
- 4th October, 1957,
- Departmental Board of Inquiry.

MEMORANDUM TO THE DEPUTY MINISTER:

1. On the 4th October, 1957, Douglas DC-3 aircraft, CF-DGJ, owned and operated by Eldorado Aviation Limited of Edmonton and under the command of Pilot William Donovan Ferris, took off from Edmonton Airport on a non-scheduled flight to Fort Smith, Alberta.

2. From the preliminary investigation it would appear that the pilot either was unaware of the severity of the weather en route or if he was aware of the weather he took off deliberately into it. As a result the aircraft encountered heavy icing conditions, became uncontrollable and an emergency landing was made during which both pilots were seriously injured and the aircraft was destroyed. The pilot had been briefed on the weather about five hours before he took off; no reason for the delay in taking off has been given.

3. Attached hereto for approval and signature is a formal authority for the constitution of a Departmental Board of Inquiry to investigate the circumstances surrounding the accident.

signed by A de N.
(A. de Riverville),
Director General, Air Services.

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