Canadian High Commissioner wrote home to warn that Newfoundlanders were demanding to know why Canada wanted so large an area as 160 square miles, four times as large as that of all the U.S. bases.

By February 1943, the Canadian demand had dropped to 120 square miles. Still nothing moved. Norman Robertson, then Under-Secretary of State, wrote in June 1943: "It would be highly embarrassing for the Canadian Government to be required to admit that Canada possesses no title of any nature." A year later, in February 1944, the Canadian High Commissioner reported that "the situation here is deteriorating"; the local press had finally realized that the U.S. had built bases in Canada with no 99-year lease in return, while Canada was making this demand from a fellow Dominion. The matter was eventually settled, late that same year; the issue of postwar, non-military use was simply dodged.

The final item in the long section devoted to Goose Bay is a memorandum by the External Affairs Legal Adviser to the Under-Secretary's Special Counsellor. Newfoundland, he felt, had a good case over Goose Bay. "Personally," he wrote, "I am und to see how any practical solution can worked out for the Newfoundland proble without confederation." He suggested to confederation be "given some serious or sideration".

The Special Counsellor was R | MacKay. Three years later he was assigned by the Department to chaperone round() tawa an unknown Newfoundland politice Joey Smallwood, who had come to pread confederation. Those events will be cover in Volume II. I hope that that tome is cludes the memorandum from the He Commissioner in St. John's advising he office that Smallwood was a politician on importance who should be kept as the away as possible from anyone of cons quence. Smallwood slipped past MacKa to see Pickersgill and St. Laurent, an the rest is recent history.

Volume II will obviously cover m_{th} interesting ground. The quality of the volume – comprehensive, balanced and well-indexed – makes it essential that shorter, more popular version of the two volumes be published to reach out to the schools and private citizens as well as it scholars.

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