

mediately considered. I do not concur in the proposal that operational command of these forces can remain under the District Officer Commanding. I consider that a Command Headquarters (Operational) with adequate staff should be established in the Maritimes with operational control over those army forces earmarked for the defence of the Maritime Provinces, including the Gulf of St. Lawrence area and Newfoundland, and that following this a similar Command Headquarters (Operational) should be established in British Columbia. The function of the several District Headquarters in the eastern area and of the one in M.D. 11 under the conditions which Canada now faces should be restricted to administration and to the command and training of those troops not actually allotted to Command Headquarters for operational purposes. It should be noted, incidentally, that such organization would fit in with the operational zones established by the Royal Canadian Air Force.

H. D. G. CRERAR
Major-General

88.

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4. *Navy, Army and Air Intelligence Reports on Newfoundland*

The Committee reviewed these reports and decided to refer them to the Joint Planning Sub-Committee, with instructions to prepare a joint report, containing conclusions and recommendations. This will be considered as a draft report pending further information which will become available subsequent to the visit to Newfoundland of Major-General Elkins, Commodore Reid, and Air Commodore Anderson.¹

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89.

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8. Object of Joint Service Plan . . .

3. *Report of the Joint Planning Sub-Committee "Synoptic Report and Recommendations regarding the Defence of Newfoundland."*

The Committee reviewed this Report, and instructed that copies should be distributed to the members of the special Committee on

¹ Cette visite eut lieu le 20 août lorsque Power entra en consultation avec le gouvernement de Terre-Neuve. Voir le document 171.

¹ This visit took place on August 20 when Power conferred with the Newfoundland Government. See Document 171.