

the question of dependents was still unsettled, but probably would be clarified within a month. He recognized the desirability of expediting a decision and will advise General Henry at the earliest possible moment.

12. General Henry advised the board that the Army Air Forces were interested in an extensive program of mapping and visual reconnaissance in the Western Arctic Archipelago, and that certain reconnaissance squadrons would be available to take part in this work next fall or winter. He stated that he desired to present this proposal for Canadian consideration and that the Army Air Forces would be prepared to enter into a joint program or to undertake the program without Canadian participation if Canada so desired. After explaining the practical difficulties to be encountered in this operation under arctic weather conditions, Air Vice Marshal Curtis stated that he would direct that a technical committee be set up to study the United States proposal preparatory to having a reply sent.

13. The Canadian Embassy in Washington recently advised the State Department that it understood that doubt existed both in Canada and the United States as to Canadian liability for payment of an additional item of \$1,600,000 (approximate) for additional landline circuits along the Northwest Staging Route. General Henry stated that there was no doubt on the United States side on this matter, and referred to his Memorandum dated 2 November 1945 presented to the board at its meeting in New York on November 7 and 8, 1945. He also referred to a letter which he had written to the State Department for transmission to the Canadian Embassy. As there had not yet been an opportunity for this letter to be received and studied in Ottawa by the interested officials, it could not be determined at this time whether it would resolve the doubts on the Canadian side as to liability for this item. The discussion served, however, to clarify the matter for members of the board.

14. Admiral Schuirmann announced that the U. S. Navy contemplated transferring to Naval Reserve Units on the Great Lakes various types
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