

6. In order to obviate the necessity of continually delaying matters of detail in order to bring them before the Commission, I suggest that the Department of Justice be authorized to proceed with arrangements for all obvious minor necessities, in order that no time may be lost before the training officer arrives.

L. E. EMERSON

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*Le gouverneur de Terre-Neuve au secrétaire aux Dominions*  
*Governor of Newfoundland to Dominions Secretary*

TELEGRAM 263

[St. John's,] September 1, 1939

SECRET. The Defence Act which forms Schedule one to Newfoundland Defence Scheme 1936 has been enacted this morning. It recites the existence of a national emergency instead of imminent danger of war. In addition to powers contained in section two of the draft it enables the Governor in Commission to make regulations controlling foreign exchange transactions and to provide for declarations by persons in Newfoundland of their holdings of foreign exchange and securities. Section 7 (b) of the draft has been amended to permit of possession use or control being extended to ships, vessels, aircraft and all vehicles of every description and animals and food, forage and stores of every description. Certain regulations will be passed this afternoon of which I will inform you.

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*Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures au gouverneur de Terre-Neuve*  
*Secretary of State for External Affairs to Governor of Newfoundland*

TELEGRAM 6

Ottawa, September 2, 1939

IMMEDIATE. SECRET. A request has been received from the Commander-in-Chief of West Indies Squadron Royal Navy for an air reconnaissance of the Newfoundland coast in order to ensure that no enemy ships are in adjacent waters. Canadian Defence authorities are prepared to make reconnaissance using two flying boats. Please inform us at earliest convenience if this reconnaissance is approved by the Newfoundland Government.