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6. Can it be assumed that Mr. Turner is dead or is there a possibility that he is a prisoner of the Viet Cong?

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): 1. The flight of the courier aircraft of the International Commission for Supervision and Control in Viet Nam, F-BELV, from Saigon to Hanoi, via Phnom Penh and Vientiane, was a routine authorized flight in accordance with the contract of the international commission in Viet Nam with the Compagnie Internationale des Transports Civil Aériens, the owners of the aircraft.

2. Boeing "Stratoliner".

3. The exact date of manufacture is unavailable; the manufacturer says all aircraft of this type were built in 1939 and 1940.

4. Normal inspection and maintenance procedures were followed by the Compagnie Internationale des Transports Civil Aériens, which held a certificate of air worthiness for the aircraft.

5. The International Commission for Supervision and Control in Laos, in co-operation with the Laotian authorities and the Compagnie Internationale des Transports Civil Aériens, carried out an intensive aerial search along the flight route and in the adjoining area up to the international border of North Viet Nam from October 19 to November 20, 1965. The North Vietnamese authorities also informed the commission that they had searched for the missing aircraft along the air corridor in North Vietnamese territory. These efforts failed to reveal the fate of the missing aircraft.

6. The report of the ad hoc committee established by the international commission in Viet Nam, and including a Canadian representative, to inquire into the disappearance of the aircraft concludes that the aircraft "met with an accident after it left Vientiane airport at 15.05 hours on 18 October, 1965 and that all the passengers on board aircraft F-BELV are dead". This conclusion was accepted by a unanimous vote of the commission on January 20, 1966.

TENDERS FOR NAVAL SUPPLY SHIPS

Question No. 454-Mr. MacEwan:

1. When will tenders be called for the two supply ships for the Royal Canadian Navy?

2. Will the tenders be on a national or regional basis?

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry): 1. Tenders for the two operational support ships for the Royal Canadian Navy will be called in March 1966.

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2. Tenders will be invited on a national basis in accordance with the shipbuilding procurement policy announced by the government on July 19, 1965.

DESIGNATED AREAS

Question No. 460-Mr. Hales:

1. How many firms have located and are receiving benefits in designated areas in Canada?

2. How many are new industries?

3. How many were established industries, but moved to the designated area in order to receive the benefits?

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry): 1. The area development agency has been informed of 266 projects which when completed would appear to qualify for benefits under the area development program. These represent projects which are in various stages of completion in order to qualify for either the income tax exemption or the development grant.

2. Twenty projects are expansions of existing businesses and the remainder involve the establishment of new manufacturing or processing businesses.

3. Ten projects involve facilities which had been established elsewhere in Canada, and are being re-established in designated areas. In all cases, the re-established facilities must have new and unused machinery and equipment in order to qualify for the benefits. In most cases the re-established facilities represent a significant expansion of employment and production capacity.

GRANTS UNDER AREA DEVELOPMENT ACT

Question No. 461-Mr. Hales:

1. How many grants have been made under the Area Development Incentive Act since June 30, 1965?

2. What are the names and addresses of the firms receiving these grants?

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry): 1 and 2. No payments of grants have yet been made under the Area Development Incentives Act of June 30, 1965.

IMPROVED C.B.C. TELEVISION SERVICE, MANITOBA

Question No. 464-Mr. Stefanson:

What plans has the C.B.C. for providing television service for the residents of Grand Rapids and Norway House, Manitoba, and adjacent areas?

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State): The corporation does not have any immediate plans for providing television service