October 24, 1966

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- Mr. H. E. Hayes
- Mr. J. M. Laroche
- Mr. H. B. Rider
- 2. In the course of its meetings your Committee gave consideration to:
 - (a) the action, or lack of action, by departments as a result of previous recommendations made by the Committee;
 - (b) the following paragraphs in the Reports of the Auditor General relating to the Department of National Defence:

| For the fiscal year ended | |
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| March 31, 1964 | March 31, 1965 |
| 56, 60 to 66 inc. 92(1) | 75, 77, 83 to 86 inc., 140 |
| Appendix 2, Nos. 2 to 9 | |
| | March 31, 1964 56, 60 to 66 inc. 92(1) Appendix 2, |

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3. Failure to collect moneys owing to the Crown

The Committee was concerned to note the circumstances under which medical fees totalling \$4,053 were improperly retained in 1961 and 1962 by an Air Force medical officer. Although the officer was found guilty of conduct to the prejudice of good order and discipline, reprimanded and fined in March, 1963, no action was taken by the Department at that time to recover the amount improperly retained. Neither was this attempted by the Department six months later when the officer asked for and was given his discharge. The Committee noted that the matter was not referred to the Department of Justice until August, 1964 which led to \$2,500 being collected from the ex-officer in settlement of his liability under the case.