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The Committee had considered a revision of the regulations governing the carrying of bombs on training flights of the U.S. Strategic Air Force over Canadian territory, and agreed that they be amended to authorize the carrying of practice bombs, photo flash bombs and other types of armament. These regulations did not cover nuclear weapons or their components which were the subject of separate regulations.

The Committee had examined the chapter on Canada contained in the 1954 Annual Review report of N.A.T.O. countries' defence programmes, a list of military recommendations made by the Supreme Commander and the Standing Group, and Canadian comments on those recommendations. The Committee had approved the proposed Canadian comments and had suggested that a review be made, at the forthcoming N.A.T.O. Ministerial Meeting of the Mutual Aid Programme, up to date, including what was possible about future Mutual Aid policy.

Finally, a number of recommendations regarding civil defence, including the assumption of full responsibility by the Federal government for issuing warnings of attacks, had been considered and approved.

17. The Cabinet noted with approval the report of the Minister of National Defence on the Cabinet Defence Committee meetings of November 12th and 24th and agreed,-

(a) that a high-speed wind-tunnel be constructed at the National Aeronautical Research establishment in Ottawa at an estimated cost of approximately \$3.5 million, to be provided from the appropriations of the Air Force and Defence Research Board for the current and next two fiscal years;

(b) that the Mutual Aid Programme for 1954-55 include increased production of one-mile wireless sets, the offering of pre-1950 service equipment valued at about \$5,009,000, and certain shell components at an estimated cost of \$4,290,800; it being understood that approximately \$500,000 of this might be carried forward to the fiscal year 1955-56;

(c) that there be offered as Mutual Aid, for inclusion in the 1955-56 programme, army equipment from stocks available for release without replacement to the value of \$3,335,046 and stocks available for release following replacement to the value of \$2,202,926;

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