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	Dates July 1947 to July 1960		
Title Joint US - Canadian Naval Manoeuvres		Screened by JP Sigvaldason M. Jan Y. 76	
Comments			
Reason for Category	There is nothing on this file including national or other forms of security at this point in time.		
Historical Interest	The 1960 items are routine re publicity. The 1958 items describe a bit of bureaucratic bungling in compensating fishermen in the Virgin Islands. The 1947-50 items are primarily concerned with release of publicity re Naval Exercises.		
Disposition	Declassify with FAH approval but in meantime give access to historians.		

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TO: WASHINGTON	NUMBER		PRECEDENCE		COMCENTRE USE ONLY
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INFO:			W. H. BARTON		

Ref.: YOURTEL 1809 OF JULY 13, 1960.

Subject: PRESS RELEASE CONCERNING JOINT CANADIAN-U.S. NAVAL EXERCISE.

RCN CLEARED THE RELEASE WITH U.S. NAVY  
AND A CANADIAN VERSION WAS ISSUED BY CANADIAN FLAG  
OFFICER PACIFIC.

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SIG. <i>W.N. Lawton</i> NAME. W.N. LAWTON/lnd.....	D.L.(1)	6-6205	SIG. <i>W.H. Barton</i> NAME. W. H. BARTON.....	





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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

July 18, 1960

OTTAWA

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Under-Secretary of State  
for External Affairs,  
Ottawa, Canada.

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Attention: W. H. Barton, DL 1

RE: Joint Canadian-US Naval Exercises  
July 21 - August 3

In reference to your communication of July 14, a telephone call was received by W. H. Dumsday, Director of Public Relations, on July 13 from the U.S. Navy regarding the above-mentioned exercise.

At that time Mr. Dumsday cleared the release on the understanding that a Canadianized version would be issued simultaneously in Canada by Flag Officer Pacific. It was pointed out to the USN that clearance of releases in this manner is not in accord with the joint agreement.

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*per W. H. Dumsday*  
Deputy Minister

*Telegram to Washington  
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c.c. Canadian Embassy, Washington

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The Deputy Minister,  
Department of National Defence,  
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Joint Canadian - United States Naval  
Exercises  
July 21 - August 3

... Attached are six copies of telegram 1809 of July 13 from the Embassy in Washington reporting on an approach the Embassy received from the State Department concerning the above matter and reproducing the text of a proposed press release. You will note that the State Department has enquired as to whether the Canadian authorities are aware of the intention to issue this press release.

This Department has no information concerning this matter and would be grateful to know what reply is to be made to the Embassy.

W. H. BARTON  
for the Under-Secretary of State  
for External Affairs

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TO EXTERNAL 1809 PRIORITY

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THE EXERCISE WILL BE CONDUCTED BY VICE ADMIRAL CHARLES L MELSON, USN, COMMANDER FIRST FLEET.

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SHOE CORPORATION OF CANADA LIMITED  
MIDLAND, CANADA LAKESIDE 6-5481

Midland, Ontario.  
9th July, 1958.

Personal

The Hon. Dr. Sidney Smith,  
Secretary of State for External Affairs,  
OTTAWA, Ont.

Dear Sidney:

Thank you very much for your letter of June 27.

Your digging into the Virgin Islands matter is  
deeply appreciated.

It is quite true that the Administrator of the  
British Virgin Islands is prepared to accept the \$14 per trap  
as a settlement, but I might say that most of those concerned  
down there were a little disappointed. The United States  
government paid out \$14 per pot, as you know, but they paid  
it a lot more promptly.

I question very much, personally, whether we  
should have applied a depreciation factor in respect of our  
dealing with the natives in that area. The extra \$6 per pot  
could have bought Canada an awful lot of goodwill for a very  
small amount of money.

It is probably too late to do anything about it  
now but in your position in the External Affairs Department I  
am sure you will appreciate that on occasion some of the other  
agencies of government are not always as appreciative of the  
position of our "external relations" as they might be.

Perhaps we can make up that extra bit of money  
in some way when the question of technical aid to the British  
West Indian area clarifies a bit.

Believe me, I deeply appreciate the trouble to  
which you have gone in this matter. It is a small one, of  
course, but one in which I happened to have a personal part-  
icipation.

All the best to you in your many onerous  
responsibilities.

Sincerely yours,

W.H. Cranston.

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Ottawa, June 27, 1958

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Dear Bill

I was grateful for your letter of May 27 about the destruction of fishermen's pots in the British Virgin Islands and my reply has been delayed partly because I have been away and partly because I wanted to find out more about this matter.

It is evident that there was a misunderstanding about the way in which the claims were met. We had the impression that the full sum claimed had in fact been paid but it is evident now that this was not the case. The decision to pay \$14 per trap was apparently based on the supposition that the traps were not new and had some remaining value although damaged. I understand that the sum paid was regarded by the Administrator of the British Virgin Islands as acceptable.

You mention the question of technical aid. This is a question which we are still studying with considerable care and for the moment I do not think it is necessary for any direct approach to be made.

Again let me thank you for all the interest you have taken in this matter. The settlement

W.H. Cranston, Esq.,  
Shoe Corporation of Canada Limited,  
Midland, Ontario.

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of the claim was unfortunately unduly delayed and  
I can only express my personal regret that such was  
the case.

With kind personal regards.

Yours sincerely,

(SIGNED) SIDNEY SMITH

PS I have endeavoured to get  
at the bottom of this matter!

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Commonwealth/G.deT.Glazebrook

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

MEMORANDUM

*Mr. Delworth*  
*Mr. Glazebrook*

TO: *J. G. H.* Mr. Delworth O/SSEA  
FROM: *Lang* Mr. Glazebrook  
REFERENCE:  
SUBJECT:

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Date June 27, 1958		
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Only by dint of telephoning to the Chief of the Naval Staff was I able to get an answer to our inquiry as to why the fishermen's claim was not met in full and why we were given by National Defence the impression that it had. A letter was sent from the Deputy Minister of National Defence which has - characteristically in this subject - now disappeared. However, I was able to learn the gist of its contents.

*signed & sent July 3*

2. Here is a pretty lame letter for the Minister's signature but I think it is about the best we can do without washing a good deal of linen. It will hardly satisfy Mr. Cranston but at least his dissatisfaction can be shared by ourselves.

*Lang.*

G.deT.G.

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IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE  
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# Department of National Defence

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Mr. H. H. H.

Ottawa,

24 June, 1958.

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SEEN BY THE MINISTER

Mr. Glazebrook  
Commander in Chief

+ R. L. C. B. Done July 2/58  
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The Under Secretary of State for  
External Affairs,  
East Block,  
OTTAWA.

Mr. Glazebrook  
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Dear Mr. Leger:

The Chief of Naval Staff has personally examined  
the correspondence and records of events concerning the incidents  
in the British Virgin Islands.

In reviewing the claims for loss of fish traps, it  
was noted that NSC 2142-1 Vol.5 dated 29 April 1958 paragraph 2  
is in error in stating "the claims for damaged fish traps, as  
submitted, have been paid".

During February 1957 HMC Ships were participating in  
Exercise SPRINGBOARD carrying out minesweeping within areas  
allocated by the US Naval Authority conducting the exercise. In  
the recollection of officers present no fishing gear nor fishing  
boats were seen in the area and there are no records of sighting  
or damaging fishing gear. However, the public notice of the  
exercise usually given as a caution to mariners in the area was  
not promulgated and it is neither practical or in the interests  
of the RCN to attempt to pass the responsibility for the damage to  
any other agency. It is regretted that clearance was not obtained  
for HMC Ships to operate in these areas and that public notice was  
not given of the exercise.

The original correspondence from the Administrator's  
Office, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, dated 10 September 1957  
valued the fish traps at \$20 per trap.

On 3 October 1957, further correspondence from the  
Administrator's Office, Tortola, advised that similar claims against  
the USN had been settled by the USN, without prejudice as to liability,  
by a payment of \$14 per trap. This valuation of \$14 per trap which  
had been accepted by the other claimants was, therefore, used as a  
basis for the proposed settlement of claims against HMC Ships.

It is regrettable that, while settlements of the above  
claims were still outstanding, events during the 1958 exercises  
should further aggravate the situation. In arranging the programme  
for HMC Ships, prior notice and obtaining clearance for a visit to  
the British Virgin Islands was overlooked. As a result HMC Ships  
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The disturbance caused to local peoples by the landing on Virgin Gorda of recreation parties, and any misbehaviour of RCN personnel, is deeply regretted.

Yours sincerely,

  
G.Y. Loughead  
for Deputy Minister

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*Mr Pearson*  
18 June, 1958.

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Advance copy for Mr. Pearson

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Personal

Midland, Ontario.  
27th May, 1958.

The Hon. Dr. Sidney Smith,  
The Secretary of State for External Affairs,  
OTTAWA, Ont.

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Dear Doctor:

Thanks muchly for your letter of May 21.

It was good to have your little personal note  
on the bottom.

It is reassuring that the many onerous responsibilities which you have taken on for Canada have not changed you, even if they must have added to your sleepless nights. Keep up the good work.

In connection with the destruction of the fishermen's pots in the British Virgin Islands by the action of the Canadian Navy, I received, as you know, on May 2 a letter from Mr. J.W. Holmes, your Acting Under-Secretary of State at that time. He made the statement therein that he was informed that the Department of National Defence had paid out a total of \$938, being "the full amount of each claim submitted".

I am afraid your office has been misinformed by the Department of National Defence in this connection. The sum of \$938 was the amount paid but the rate of payment was at \$14 per trap and not at the rate of \$20 per trap, which was the amount in the claim. In view of the very substantial delay which occurred in this matter, I rather felt, personally, that the government might have added up the other six dollars per trap. What think you?

Where we have ended up now is just on a par with the United States Navy, only about nine months slower, and, as was pointed out in my earlier letters, the loss of the revenue for nine months is a substantial sum.

With respect to your final paragraph, I think very probably that the best way we can possibly move to repair

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our relations in the British Virgin Islands and expand some of our trade prospects there is through the distribution of technical aid. Is this something on which you should have a direct approach from the Governor at Antigua or is it a matter which the Canadian government might initiate themselves? I could arrange the former if you can give me any off the record advice as to how far we should go.

All the best to you!

Sincerely yours,

W.H. Cranston



O/SSEA/W.T.DELWORTH/SRB

OTTAWA, May 21, 1958.

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Dear Mr. Cranston:

I am sorry that, due to considerable periods of absence from Ottawa during the past few months, I have been unable to give my personal consideration to the matters you have raised in regard to visits by the RCN to the British Virgin Islands. I have now had an opportunity to do this and before summarizing the results of my discussions, I wish to thank you for having taken the trouble to bring these matters to my attention.

With respect to the reported incidents on Virgin Gorda, I agree that there may be some difference of interpretation in the information received by you and that provided to me by the Department of National Defence. I am satisfied, however, that lacking any official protest, or even information from the United Kingdom Government on the matter, we have done the best we can in forwarding to the Administrator a letter expressing regret for any inconvenience that may have been caused.

I fully share your view that such incidents are most unfortunate and if one can derive any benefit from the incident, I think it may be in the fact that your concern and that of this Department will be reflected in greater care being taken in future.

W.H. Cranston, Esquire,  
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There is, I think, merit in your suggestion that technical assistance be extended to British Honduras, British Guiana and the British Virgin Islands. Questions relating to the most suitable distribution of the technical aid which we give to other countries and areas are, of course, under constant consideration and while I am not in a position at the present time to anticipate what future arrangements may be made in this regard, I can assure you that the suggestion you have put forward will be given careful attention by this Department.

With kindest regards and best wishes.

Yours faithfully,

(SIGNED) SIDNEY SMITH

Bill - Cheers - Sid

D.L.(1) ~~Chai Pearson~~/ph

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

MEMORANDUM

TO: ..... Mr. W. T. Delworth .....  
 ..... Minister's Office .....  
 FROM: ..... Defence Liaison (1) Division .....  
 REFERENCE: British Virgin Islands .....  
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 SUBJECT: ... Correspondence with Mr. W. H. Cranston .....

Security ..Unclassified.....

Date .....May 16, 1958.....

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I attach a draft letter to Mr. Cranston which you may wish to submit to the Minister, in final form, for his signature. Also attached, is file No. 366-G-40 which contains the relevant correspondence. You might note that one aspect of this subject not covered in the letter and which has been raised by Mr. Cranston concerns some form of Colombo type assistance to the West Indies. In our last letter to Mr. Cranston, signed by Mr. Holmes, we said that Mr. Smith will wish to consider his suggestions in this regard when he returns. Mr. Glazebrook may be able to advise whether anything further should be said on the subject.

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Defence Liaison (1) Division

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Mr. W. H. Cranston  
Shoe Corporation of Canada Limited  
Midland, Ontario

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OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER  
FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM.

Earncliffe,

OTTAWA.

*Mr. Glazebrook (K)*

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8th May, 1958.

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Dear Mr Glazebrook,

I am writing to thank you for your letter of the 5th May and to confirm that the question of compensation for the fishermen whose traps were damaged in the British Virgin Islands by ships of the Royal Canadian Navy has now been satisfactorily settled.

I am forwarding the text of your letter to the Administrator of the British Virgin Islands.

Yours Sincerely

*F. E. Cumming-Bruce*

(F.E. Cumming-Bruce)  
Acting High Commissioner.

G. de T. Glazebrook, Esq.,  
Commonwealth Division,  
Department of External Affairs,  
OTTAWA.

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SHOE CORPORATION OF CANADA LIMITED  
MIDLAND, CANADA LAKESIDE 6-5481

Midland, Ontario.  
6th May, 1958

Mr. J.W. Holmes,  
Acting Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs,  
OTTAWA, Ont.

Dear Mr. Holmes:

Thank you very much for your letter of May 2 and the assurances that the \$938 in compensation was paid. I must confess, however, that I feel that this was somewhat meagre in view of the substantial delay involved and the loss of livelihood by the fishermen in question. However, it was a lot better than nothing.

With respect to the incidents on Virgin Gorda, I personally saw the communications from the clergyman at the church there and they certainly do not coincide in their interpretation with the information you have received. What sort of "verification" does one need in this connection?

Your co-operation in all these matters is most appreciated and I will look forward to hearing from Mr. Smith at his convenience.

Sincerely yours,

W.H. Cranston



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Ottawa, May 5, 1958

Dear Mr. Cumming-Bruce:

There was an exchange of correspondence between Mr. Tremblay of this Department and Mr. Belgrave earlier this year concerning damage done by ships of the Royal Canadian navy to fishing traps belonging to British Virgin Islanders in February 1957. I have been informed that compensation has now been made to the fishermen in question.

My attention has also been drawn to a visit by HMC ships to the same area in February of this year about which, I understand, the Administrator of the Islands was not informed in the usual way. Would you be good enough to forward to the Administrator the regrets of the Canadian Government for this oversight, and for any inconvenience that it may have caused to the local population? I am assured that steps will be taken to preclude its happening again.

Yours sincerely,

Original signed by  
G. de T. Glazebrook

G.deT.Glazebrook.

The Honourable Francis Cumming-Bruce,  
Deputy High Commissioner for the United Kingdom,  
Earncliffe,  
Ottawa.

Defence Liaison (1)/GAH Pearson/ji

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

MEMORANDUM

TO: Commonwealth Division

Attention: Mr. G. deT. Glazebrook

FROM: Defence Liaison (1) Division

REFERENCE:

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Date May 2, 1958.

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SUBJECT: INCIDENTS INVOLVING THE RCN IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS.

I attach a letter in draft form to Mr. Cumming-Bruce, Deputy U.K. High Commissioner, about which I believe Mr. Pearson of this Division has already spoken to you. I understand that you will sign this letter, if it is satisfactory to you. If not, please make any changes you see fit.

*John Caudle*  
Defence Liaison (1) Division.

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*72* *Mr. H. J.*  
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Deputy High Commissioner *for* of the United Kingdom,  
Earnscliffe,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

Defence Liaison (1)/GAH Pearson/jl

CC: Mr. Delworth--O/SSEA  
Commonwealth Division.

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Ottawa, May 2, 1958.

Dear Mr. Cranston,

In the absence of Mr. Smith, who has been away in the West Indies and is now in Europe to attend the May meeting of NATO Foreign Ministers, I am writing to you about the questions originally raised in your letter of February 24 to Mr. Smith concerning the damage done to fishing traps belonging to British Virgin Islanders by ships of the Royal Canadian Navy in February 1957, as well as the report received by you of an incident involving Canadian sailors on the island of Virgin Gorda in February of this year.

I am informed by the Department of National Defence that compensation totalling \$938.00 has now been made to the fishermen in question. The full amount of each claim submitted was paid.

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W. H. Cranston, Esq.,  
Shoe Corporation of Canada Limited,  
Midland, Ontario.

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Yours sincerely,

*J.W. Holmes*  
*AUSSEA*

Defence Liaison (1)/GAH Pearson/51

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Acting Under-Secretary

Security RESTRICTED

(through Commonwealth Division) *Sam*

Date May 2, 1958.

FROM: Defence Liaison (1) Division

File No.

366-6-40

REFERENCE:

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SUBJECT: INCIDENTS INVOLVING THE RCN IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS.

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I attach for your signature, if you approve, a letter to Mr. W. H. Cranston of Midland, Ontario, who has been writing to Mr. Smith, of whom he is apparently a personal acquaintance, about information which came to his attention on a business trip to the West Indies and which appeared to reflect on the conduct of the Canadian navy while engaged in training exercises in the neighbourhood of the Virgin Islands. Mr. Delworth has already acknowledged two of Mr. Cranston's letters on this subject, but, because of Mr. Smith's absence from the office, has not found it possible to bring them to his attention. His first letter of February 24th is attached.

2. Mr. Cranston's chief concern has been the long delay in making compensation to fishermen from the Islands whose fishing traps had been damaged by American and Canadian ships in the spring of 1957. Earnscliffe had been in touch with us about this, but not until many months after the claims were submitted and only then in an informal and desultory way. Compensation has now been made.

3. Mr. Cranston also referred to a subsequent visit by the RCN to the Virgin Islands area in February of this year about which he had received reports commenting unfavourably on the conduct of Canadian sailors. We have heard nothing about this incident from the British but the Department of National Defence, while denying any knowledge of disturbances on shore, has admitted that no notification of the presence of RCN ships in the area was given to the Administrator of

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the Islands. National Defence has agreed to our suggestion that it would be desirable to send a letter expressing regret for the failure to give this notification and we are despatching a letter to this effect to Earnscliffe.

4. Mr. Delworth intends to bring this correspondence to the attention of the Minister when he returns, but, in order to avoid further delay, I think it would be desirable to send the attached letter now. Commonwealth Division has seen and approved it.

  
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IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE  
No NSC 2142-1 Vol. 5  
(STAFF)

Department of National Defence F-4

Ottawa,

29 April, 1958.

The Under Secretary of State for  
External Affairs,  
East Block,  
OTTAWA.

Dear Mr. Leger:

Please refer to your letter dated 14 March 1958,  
concerning incidents in the Virgin Islands in which it is  
alleged the RCN was involved.

In NSC 2142-1 SY(P-3) dated 18 April 1958, you were  
advised that the claims for the damaged fish traps, as submitted,  
have been paid.

Inquiry has revealed that the proper local notification  
was not given of the movement of HMC Ships in the territorial waters  
of the Islands and the landing of personnel on Virgin Gorda. The  
omission of advance local notification is regretted and care will  
be exercised to preclude such an omission concerning future operations.  
However, no verification has been received of the alleged disturbances  
ashore.

The Flag Officer Atlantic Coast has reported:

"On 2 February beach parties were landed on the nearest  
Island adjacent to the fleet anchorage after inquiries  
requesting permission from the local inhabitants. Due  
to unexpected surf conditions, some personnel were ashore  
longer than expected and although noisy, they are  
reported to have been controlled by appropriate beach  
patrols, and no knowledge is held of any undesirable  
incidents".

Additionally, a letter from the Administrator, Tortola,  
British Virgin Islands, dated 21 February 1958, says in part

"This year the only incidents reported are of a minor  
nature but for all that they are disturbing in that it  
was not possible for me to inform the local people that  
any visit at all was intended".

This Department would agree should you consider it  
desirable to send a letter expressing regret for the failure to give  
the proper notification and the inconvenience thereby caused to the  
local population.

Yours sincerely,

*G.Y. Loughhead*  
G.Y. Loughhead  
for Deputy Minister



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## DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Delworth (on return).....

Security ..... Unclass.

Date ..... April 24, 1958

FROM: Mr. Glazebrook, Commonwealth Div.....

File No.

366-6-40

REFERENCE: .....

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SUBJECT: Loss of Fishing Traps Belonging to British Virgin Islanders.....

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I sent you a brief telegram, a copy of which is attached, in case the matter came up accidentally in Port-of-Spain. Here is the letter from National Defence and attached to it your correspondence with Mr. Cranston.

2. You will now no doubt wish to prepare a letter for the Minister giving the end of the story.

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G.deT.G.

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

OUTGOING MESSAGE

FM: EXTERNAL OTTAWA	DATE	FILE		SECURITY			
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Subject:

FOR DELWORTH FROM GLAZEBROOK. VIRGIN ISLANDS QUESTION SUCCESS-  
FULLY COMPLETED.

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Glazebrook	Commonwealth	6-6356	SIG..... Original signed by NAME..... G. de T. Glazebrook

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SHOE CORPORATION OF CANADA LIMITED  
MIDLAND, CANADA LAKESIDE 6-5481

Midland, Ontario.  
21st April, 1958.

The Honorable Sidney Smith,  
The Secretary of State for External Affairs,  
OTTAWA, Ont.

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Dear Doctor:

May I offer you my hearty congratulations  
on your re-election and the very fine job which you are  
doing in our External Affairs field.

As your secretary may have now had an  
opportunity to bring to your attention my letter of  
February 24 with respect to the losses incurred by natives  
of the British Virgin Islands as a consequence of the depth-  
charging by Canadian naval ships in those waters, may I  
express the hope that some compensation will soon be forth-  
coming and that it will be somewhat in line with the  
recommendations which I made in that letter.

I understand that your Mr. Paul Tremblay  
has written to the First Secretary of the Office of the  
High Commissioner for the United Kingdom at Ottawa stating  
that the Department of National Defence has forwarded the  
submission to the Governor-in-Council seeking authority to  
pay compensation. In view of the very substantial delay  
in this matter, and the need to repair Canadian relations  
in that area, perhaps it might be possible for you to do  
something just a bit extra.

Incidentally, I am informed that what I  
thought was a N.A.T.O. operation in February of this year  
was in fact the R.C.N. Exercise "Springboard" under the  
command of Fleet Commander Atlantic. The two submarines  
apparently were on loan to the Royal Canadian Navy, and  
although the United States navy ships occasionally participate  
by invitation, it was entirely a Canadian "do".

With every good wish, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*W.H. Cranston*  
W.H. Cranston



CANADA

# Department of National Defence

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

NO. NSC 2142-1

Ottawa, 18 April, 1958

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Under-Secretary of State  
for External Affairs,  
East Block,  
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

## LOSS OF FISHING TRAPS BELONGING TO BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDERS

Further to my letter of 6 March, 1958,  
I am pleased to inform you that settlement of the claim  
of the British Virgin Islanders who lost fish traps as  
a result of minesweeping operations totalling \$938.00  
has been effected. Official cheques were despatched  
to the Senior Liaison Officer, United Kingdom Services  
Liaison Staff, OTTAWA, Ontario, for transmission to  
the following gentlemen:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>NUMBER OF CHEQUE</u>
Mr. C. CALLWOOD	\$168.00	309888
Mr. B. SEWER	\$252.00	309887
Mr. J.H. CHINNERY	\$140.00	309886
Mr. A. MILLINER	\$182.00	309889
Mr. Alex. GEORGE	\$42.00	309885
Mr. Anthony GEORGE	\$154.00	309884

Yours sincerely,

G.Y. Loughhead  
Superintendent of Finance

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OTTAWA, March 31, 1956.

Dear Mr. Cranston:

I am writing to acknowledge your letter of March 26th which reached me only today. I regret that because of Mr. Smith's continued absence from the office, it has not been possible for him personally to look into the matter which you discussed in your letter of February 24th.

I can assure you, however, that these problems are being given very careful consideration by appropriate officials of this Department and will be discussed with the Minister at the earliest opportunity following his return to the office later this week. As soon as he is in a position to look into this matter, I am sure that he will wish to write to you in person to give you some indication of what action the Canadian Government may be able to take in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

W. T. DELWORTH

W. T. Delworth,  
Secretary.

W. H. Cranston, Esquire,  
Shoe Corporation of Canada Limited,  
Midland, Ontario.

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SHOE CORPORATION OF CANADA LIMITED  
MIDLAND, CANADA LAKESIDE 6-5481

366-6-40	Midland, Ontario.
43	26th March, 1958.

Mr. W.T. Delworth,  
Secretary,  
Office of The Secretary of State for External Affairs,  
OTTAWA, Ont.

Dear Mr. Delworth:

With further reference to your letter of March 6, has it been possible for Dr. Smith to have a look as yet at my letter of February 24?

I cannot overstress the desirability of having some relatively immediate action on this matter.

May I hear from you at your convenience?

Sincerely yours,

  
W.H. Cranston



Commonwealth/G.deT. Glazebrook/SRB

OTTAWA, March 6, 1958.

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Dear Mr. Cranston:

I regret the delay in acknowledging your letter of February 24th and by way of explanation, I can only say that in the circumstances which prevail at the present time, it is difficult indeed to devote to correspondence the attention which it would otherwise be given.

As you may be aware, Mr. Smith is at present away from Ottawa but at the earliest opportunity after he returns to the office, I shall bring your letter to his attention. Meanwhile, I should like to thank you for your thoughtfulness in having taken the trouble to write to him in this regard.

As you have mentioned in your letter, this matter was drawn to the attention of the Canadian authorities by the United Kingdom High Commissioner's Office here in Ottawa and will now be examined further by the Department of External Affairs in the light of the information you have been good enough to pass along.

Yours sincerely,

W. T. DELWORTH

W. T. Delworth,  
Secretary.

William H. Cranston, Esquire,  
Shoe Corporation of Canada Limited,  
Midland, Ontario.

Commonwealth Division

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Attention: Mr. G. deT. Glazebrook

May 2, 1958.

Defence Liaison (1) Division

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INCIDENTS INVOLVING THE RCN IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS.

I attach a letter in draft form to Mr. Cumming-Bruce, Deputy U.K. High Commissioner, about which I believe Mr. Pearson of this Division has already spoken to you. I understand that you will sign this letter, if it is satisfactory to you. If not, please make any changes you see fit.

J. J. MCCARDLE

Defence Liaison (1) Division.

Defence Liaison (1)/GAH Pearson/J1  
DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS -  
MEMORANDUM

TO: The Acting Under-Secretary  
(through Commonwealth Division).  
FROM: Defence Liaison (1) Division

Security RESTRICTED

Date May 2, 1958.

File No.

REFERENCE:

SUBJECT INCIDENTS INVOLVING THE RCN IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS.

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4. Mr. Delworth intends to bring this correspondence to the attention of the Minister when he returns, but, in order to avoid further delay, I think it would be desirable to send the attached letter now. Commonwealth Division has seen and approved it.

J. J. MCCARDLE

Defence Liaison (1) Division.

Defence Liaison (1)/GAH Pearson/jl

CC  Mr. Delworth--O/SSEA  
Commonwealth Division.

Ottawa, May 2, 1958.

Dear Mr. Cranston,

In the absence of Mr. Smith, who has been away in the West Indies and is now in Europe to attend the May meeting of NATO Foreign Ministers, I am writing to you about the questions originally raised in your letter of February 24 to Mr. Smith concerning the damage done to fishing traps belonging to British Virgin Islanders by ships of the Royal Canadian Navy in February 1957, as well as the report received by you of an incident involving Canadian sailors on the island of Virgin Gorda in February of this year.

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W. H. Cranston, Esq.,  
Shoe Corporation of Canada Limited,  
Midland, Ontario.

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Yours sincerely,

L. W. HOLMES

Acting U.S.S.E.A

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

## OUTGOING MESSAGE

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TO: PORT OF SPAIN, (

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Ref.:Subject:FOR DELWORTH FROM GLAZEBROOK. VIRGIN ISLANDS QUESTION SUCCESSFULLY  
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APPROVED BY

G.deT.Glazebrook

Commonwealth

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SIG.....Original signed by.....  
NAME.....G. de T. Glazebrook.....

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Mr. Delworth (on return)

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April 24, 1958

Mr. Glazebrook, Commonwealth Div.

### Loss of Fishing Traps Belonging to British Virgin Islanders

I sent you a brief telegram, a copy of which is attached; in case the matter came up accidentally in Port-of-Spain. Here is the letter from National Defence and attached to it your correspondence with Mr. Cranston.

2. You will now no doubt wish to prepare a letter for the Minister giving the end of the story.

Original signed by  
G. de T. Glazebrook

G.deT.G.



Defence Liaison (1)/GAH Pearson/jl

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. D. V. LePan

Security Unclassified

Date March 14, 1958.

FROM: Defence Liaison (1) Division.

File No.		
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REFERENCE:

SUBJECT: Visits of the R.C.N. to the Virgin Islands.

I attach for your signature a letter to the Deputy Minister of National Defence on this subject. It has been seen and approved by Mr. Glazebrook. Also attached is the correspondence which provides the background to the letter.

2. Naval headquarters is aware of the situation described in Mr. Cranston's letter to Mr. Smith, but they have expressed an interest in seeing his letter and have intimated that it will probably be brought to the personal attention of the Chief of the Naval Staff.

*Pearson*  
Defence Liaison (1) Division.

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Mr. Delworth  
Minister's  
Office.

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Ottawa, March 14, 1958.

The Deputy Minister,  
Department of National Defence,  
"A" Building,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

VISITS OF THE RCN TO THE VIRGIN ISLANDS.

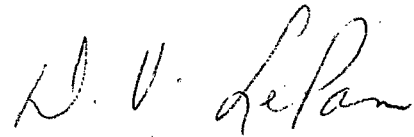
I refer to our letter of February 27th and to your reply of March 6th on the subject of compensation to fishermen of the Virgin Islands for damage suffered to their fishing traps during a visit to the area by RCN ships in February 1957. We have now received a letter (three copies attached) relating to this incident and to a subsequent visit by RCN ships to the Virgin Islands in February 1958. It is addressed to Mr. Smith and comes from W. H. Cranston, a Canadian citizen who has just returned from the Virgin Islands. We have sent an interim reply to the letter, copies of which are also attached.

You will note that we have told Mr. Cranston that his letter will be brought to the attention of Mr. Smith at the earliest opportunity. It is quite probable that the Minister will wish to send a full reply to Mr. Cranston at that time. As you know, both Mr. Smith and the Prime Minister have had occasion in recent months to emphasize the importance which Canada attaches to relations with the West Indies. The incidents discussed by Mr. Cranston are therefore of some concern to this Department.

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I would be grateful for any comments which your Department may have on the points raised in Mr. Cranston's letter and particularly on the suggestions for "possible remedial action" which he makes on page 3 of his letter. I would agree with Mr. Cranston that, if the facts are as he alleges them to be with respect to the most recent visit by R.C.N. ships to the Virgin Islands, a letter expressing regret should be forwarded to the Administrator.



The Under-Secretary of State  
for External Affairs.

CC: Mr. Delworth,  
Minister's Office.

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Ottawa, March 13, 1958.

Dear Mr. Belgrave,

I refer to your letter of February 25th on the subject of damage done by ships of the Royal Canadian Navy to fishing traps belonging to British Virgin Islanders in February 1957.

I am informed by the Department of National Defence that a submission has been forwarded to the Governor-in-Council seeking authority to pay compensation for the loss of these fishing traps and I understand that the results of this submission will be made known to the Naval Adviser at Earnscliffe as soon as they are known.

Yours sincerely,

PAUL TREMBLAY  
for the

Mr. T. R. D. Belgrave,  
First Secretary,  
Office of the High Commissioner of the United Kingdom,  
Earnscliffe,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

CC: DM/DND - attn: Mr. G.Y. Loughhead

Commonwealth Division.

Commonwealth/G.deT.G.Glazebrook/EDB

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

MEMORANDUM

TO: D.L. (1) Mr. Pearson

Security Unclassified

Date March 12, 1958

FROM: Commonwealth - Mr. Glazebrook

File No.

366-6-40

REFERENCE:

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SUBJECT: Loss of Fishing Traps Belonging to British Virgin Islanders

Attached are the papers on this subject. You will see that a temporary reply has been sent to Mr. Cranston who wrote to the Minister. There is also now a letter from National Defence which says no more than that a submission has been made to the Governor-in-Council. There has been an intolerable delay in handling a subject which could have been dealt with very simply and which causes a quite unnecessary bad feeling in a British colony.

2. I should be grateful if you would keep in touch with National Defence so that we may at long last give a proper answer to Mr. Cranston in the hope that he will be comparatively satisfied and be in a position to reduce the natural agitation in the Virgin Islands.

G.deT.G.

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OTTAWA

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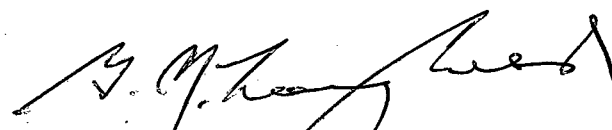
The Under-Secretary of State  
for External Affairs,  
East Block,  
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Attention: Mr. P. Trembley

Loss of Fishing Traps Belonging  
to British Virgin Islanders

Please refer to your letter of February 27, 1958  
on the above subject to which was attached copy of a self-ex-  
planatory letter to you received from Mr. T.R.D. Belgrave of the  
Office of the High Commissioner for the United Kingdom in Ottawa  
dated February 25, 1958.

I am pleased to inform you that a submission is  
being forwarded to the Governor in Council seeking authority to  
compensate the British Virgin Islanders for the loss of their  
fishing traps which arose when ships of the Royal Canadian Navy  
were carrying out exercises in the waters off the Virgin Islands  
in February, 1957.

  
(G.Y. Loughhead)  
for Deputy Minister.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

## MEMORANDUM

TO: ..... Mr. Delworth ✓ .....

Security ..... Confidential .....

Date ..... March 5, 1958 .....

FROM: ..... Mr. Glazebrook, Commonwealth Div. ....

File No. 366-6-40		
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REFERENCE: .....  
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SUBJECT: ..... Reply to Mr. Cranston .....

Here is the suggested reply to Mr. Cranston.  
This subject has been grossly mishandled by Earnscliffe  
as you will see from the attached correspondence.  
Please return the papers and I shall see if we can  
recover anything from the confusion.

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G.deT.G.



D.L.(1)J.W.Graham/be

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February 27, 1958.

Deputy Minister,  
Department of National Defence,  
Ottawa.

Loss of Fishing Traps Belonging  
to British Virgin Islanders

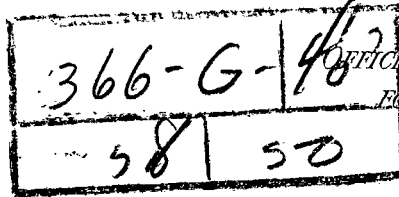
I am attaching a copy of a self-explanatory letter received from Mr. T. R. D. Belgrave of the Office of the High Commissioner for the United Kingdom in Ottawa dated February 25th, 1958. We understand that your Department has more complete documentation concerning the loss, or the alleged loss, of fishing traps off the Virgin Islands in February 1957.

2. We would be grateful if you would take whatever steps are necessary to expedite a decision on this matter.

UL TREMBLAY  
for the  
Under-Secretary of State  
for External Affairs.

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OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER  
FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM,  
Earncliffe,  
OTTAWA.

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February 25th., 1958

Dear Mr. Tremblay,

In September 1957 this Office was informed by the Administrator of the British Virgin Islands that a number of fishing traps belonging to British Virgin Islanders had been lost at a time when ships of the Royal Canadian Navy and the United States Navy were carrying out exercises in those waters, namely in February 1957. No advice or notification was received from the United States or Canadian authorities that United States or Canadian warships intended to operate in those waters, and it was therefore not possible to warn the fishermen that these exercises were about to take place.

Claims were first submitted to the United States Navy and a number of them have been settled by them. Some of them have however been rejected on grounds that United States ships were not in the British Virgin Islands on the days in question and it is now thought that the ships in question were Canadian.

The full details of these claims were passed by the United Kingdom Senior Naval Liaison to the Naval Secretary at the Department of National Defence on the 19th September 1957. The sums in question are not large, but they are important to the fishermen concerned, and we should be most grateful if you could do anything to obtain an early decision by the Canadian authorities in this case.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Defence Department, Commonwealth Relations Office, and to the Administrator at Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Belgrave  
(T.R.D. Belgrave)

P. Tremblay, Esq.,  
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24th February, 1958

The Honorable Sidney Smith,  
Minister of External Affairs,  
Ottawa, Canada.

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Personal and Confidential

Dear Doctor:

First, all the best on March 31!

Second, a problem which I hesitate to burden you with in the midst of an election campaign but one which, to me at any rate, seems sufficiently pressing to warrant immediate action.

While this is something which initially belonged with National Defence, its repercussions have now invaded your much broader sphere.

I am returning from two weeks on Tortola, capital island of the British Virgins group. During that time, very largely as the result of the good offices of the Colony's most able Administrator, His Honor Geoffrey Allsebrook, I had an opportunity of meeting with the majority of the members of the Legislative and Executive Councils. This stemmed from the fact that, in concert with some business associates in Britain, the United States and Canada, I am currently exploring what steps might be taken privately to alleviate some of the present stringent economic conditions in the Colony, perhaps by fostering cottage industry, developing new exports, aiding the tourist industry, or some other means. Quite frankly, despite the fact that there are less than 8,000 people in the British Virgins, the problem is no small one. Indeed, as I will mention later, there are certain opportunities and challenges here which Canada might well explore as a government.

It was during these discussions with the appointed and elected officials of this West Indian Colony that I became somewhat less than proud of my Canadian citizenship, and here is why.

Between February 13 and 15 of last year, during NATO Operation Springboard (which, I am informed, was under U.S. direction), a number of naval craft came into the waters of the British Virgin Islands. This entry was made, apparently, without any prior notice to the Colony's responsible authorities and, as a consequence, no official warning to local fishermen was possible.

During these NATO exercises, extensive mine sweeping was undertaken. When native fishermen tried to protest that depth charges were destroying their fishing equipment, in particular the large, hand-woven,

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wire fish pots which cost them \$20 each to build, later court evidence showed that the sole results were shouts from the enlisted men: "Get the hell out of here".

The extent of the losses and the circumstances surrounding them were established at an official hearing in which U.S. navy personnel participated. Five months after the damage, the U.S. authorities offered to re-imburse the fishermen concerned to the meagre sum of \$14 per fish pot thus destroyed. But, simultaneously and in writing, the U.S. authorities disclaimed any responsibility for the damage done to the fishermen's equipment by the crews of the Canadian vessels which had participated.

The latter, it was disclosed, were responsible for the loss of some sixty of these fish pots to the value of approximately \$1200. This information was communicated to our government through the U.K. High Commissioner's office in Ottawa and, I believe, several follow-up letters were despatched when no reply from Canada was forthcoming. Indeed by February 20, 1958, one year and one week after the destruction, there was still no word.

Some six families are involved. Several of the heads of these fishing families are well on in years and the yield from their fish pots constitutes the major, if not the entire, source of income for their not inconsiderable dependents.

A fish pot normally earns its operator \$25 per fortnight in fish sold at St. Thomas at 22¢ per lb. and at Road Town at 14¢.

True, these six fishermen's families, their livelihood seriously jeopardized by the depth charging, have managed to beg and borrow sufficient funds from friends and relatives to replace part of the destroyed pots. But the total loss of revenue to them as the result of the destruction of these sixty pots for now more than twelve months is well in excess of \$35,000, having in mind the average yield of \$25 per pot per fortnight. If this may seem excessive for six families, it should be noted that in each of these family ventures there are associated with the father several sons who themselves must provide for their families. Thus the \$35,000 maintains a substantial number of men, women and children.

Most fortunately for Canada and for our relations with the West Indians and other less favored races, the member of the Legislative Council for the area of the British Virgins directly affected, a Mr. L. Stout, and the Colony's Administrator, Mr. Allsebrook, have been most understanding and long suffering. There are several other elected members of the British Virgin Islands government, however, who are less inclined, and with some considerable justification, to accept such matters as the inevitable consequence of living next door to larger and more powerful neighbours.

Most fortunately, too, none of this has so far reached "the outside world" through press or radio. My wife and I have probably been among the very few Canadians to spend much time in recent years in the Colony. The permanent white population there is under twenty-four, and among them are no wandering correspondents.

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I have tried to assure the people concerned, and I trust with justification, that this sort of thing is typical neither of our Canadian government nor of Canadians as a whole.

To top it off, however, on February 2 of this year, the British Virgin Islands again "enjoyed" a visit from a NATO naval force composed of two United Kingdom submarines, two U.S. vessels, and eight Canadian craft--again without prior notice to local authorities.

A written report by an ordained minister, the Reverend H.C. Dixon, tells that on the evening of February 2 there were put ashore from these vessels on Virgin Gorda, an island with a population of about 350, some 800 sailors. They appeared outside Mr. Dixon's church, were welcomed by the worshippers there, and then repaid the courtesy by following the ladies to their homes and also besieging the home of the minister. When the Reverend Mr. Dixon refused to answer their persistent knocking, the sailors threw stones at his door.

As the majority of the crews involved were apparently Canadian, and as the incident occurred in the same area of the Colony as the depth charging of the fish pots, you can perhaps appreciate the extent to which we were proud of our Canadian connection.

Again no word of this latter incident has reached outside press or radio. The Colony's Administrator has again initiated written protest through the High Commissioner. And may I make it quite clear that these most hospitable people welcome visits of our naval forces. They ask only that they be given due notice and that their lives and property be not unnecessarily endangered.

Might I, as "unofficial Canadian ambassador to the British Virgins", suggest that your Government consider the following as possible remedial action for this most unhappy situation:

1. That we settle up for the destroyed fish pots on terms at least as "generous" as those offered by the U.S. Government, and at once.
2. That consideration be given to some added recompense for the loss of earnings resulting from the destruction. This may be solely a token gesture, say \$10 per fish pot destroyed, but it would do something to offset what to me, at any rate, seems a most unnecessary delay. (Recommendations one and two, if adopted, would involve a total outlay of well under \$2,000.)
3. That steps be taken to ensure that no further Canadian vessels, operating independently or inside NATO, invade any West Indian waters without prior notice to local authorities.

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4. That a letter go forward from the proper NATO official concerned to the Administrator of the British Virgin Islands, expressing regret for the unseemly action on Virgin Gorda this February.

In addition to the foregoing, and as a result of what I have been able to learn in recent times in this part of the B.W.I., I would appreciate greatly the opportunity of being able to explore with you personally the following suggestion, namely, that such Colombo-type assistance as may be contemplated by Canada for the new B.W.I. Federation be offered pro-rata by population and/or need also to the temporarily abstaining trio--British Honduras, British Guiana, and the British Virgins.

Indeed I would like to add that Canada might, particularly under the present circumstances, gain much by offering some limited technical assistance program to the British Virgins colony. While it is a small area, its very minuteness offers greater opportunity to link directly research and resultant action, and for a much closer Canadian tie. Last year the people of the British Virgins bought over \$400,000 worth of goods and foodstuffs from the United States yet less than one per cent of that amount from Canada. Even our wheat flour sales were only 5% of total flour imports! And here there is no exchange problem. It is the only part of the whole British West Indies which deals almost entirely in hard currency.

But enough of all this. May I trust that you will be able, despite the pre-election rush, to set Canada's flag flying proudly again in the British Virgins.

All the best!

  
William H. Cranston

P.S.: I'll be back in Midland this week-end.



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MEMORANDUM FOR CABINET DEFENCE COMMITTEE

CABINET DEFENCE  
COMMITTEE  
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Reporting of Submarine Sightings - Pacific Coast

The United States Coast Guard Service has inaugurated a system of reporting of submarine sightings in Pacific Coast waters by selected fishing boat masters using radio-telephone communications. The Flag Officer Pacific Coast has proposed that the Royal Canadian Navy establish a similar reporting system in order to give complete coverage of the Pacific Coast.

It is proposed to brief the masters of Department of Transport weather ships and lighthouse tenders, the Department of Fisheries and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police patrol boats and selected fishing boat masters who have been screened for security, to report all sightings of submarines by radio-telephone to shore stations of the Department of Transport and the North-West Telephone Company. The shore stations will pass the reports immediately to H.M.C. Dockyard, Esquimalt.

The only financial commitment envisaged is the cost of relaying the reports from shore receiving stations to H.M.C. Dockyard, Esquimalt.

Approval is requested.

MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

Department of National Defence,  
March 13, 1953.

# TELETYPE

From THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES  
To THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

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WASHINGTON, April 20, 1950.

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Publicity regarding cruise of H.M.C.S. "Ontario".

1. The United States authorities agree in the case of the United States Pacific fleet exercise, to leave it entirely to the Canadian and United States navies to decide between themselves on the publicity arrangements and publicity to be made.

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Ottawa, April 20, 1950

Dear Mr. Wallis,

The following comments may help to clarify the points raised in our telephone conversation yesterday on the application of the procedure laid down in the Washington and Ottawa directives regarding publicity on joint Canada - United States defence activities.

It is understood here that the procedure normally applies to the release of information on all joint Canada - United States activities, installations and arrangements relating to defence. The press release issued independently by the Department of National Defence on April 14 would not come within the scope of this procedure since, as confirmed in EX-675, transmitted yesterday, the release referred only to a visit being made by H.M.C.S. "Ontario" to Hawaii.

While the procedure requires that press releases be approved by the State Department and the Department of External Affairs, it was felt that, as the exercise in the Pacific was remote and not of a type likely to raise difficult political considerations, it was acceptable from the Canadian point of view (provided the State Department agreed) that the two Navies settle all publicity matters arising from the exercise. You will note that, as

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B. A. Wallis, Esq.,  
Canadian Embassy,  
Washington, D.C.

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in the case of the "Caribex" exercise, this arrangement is restricted to a particular case. For your information, the Canadian directive is being studied here with a view to seeing whether any modifications can usefully be recommended to the Government.

Yours sincerely,

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A. F. Hart  
Defence Liaison Division.

# MESSAGE FORM OUTGOING

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<p>Degree of Priority</p> <p><i>Important</i></p> <p>ORIGINATOR</p> <p>Sig. ....</p> <p>Typed: A.F.Hart/mr.</p> <p>Div. Def. Liaison</p> <p>Local Tel. 7509</p>	<p>Reference your WA-889 of April 19 and Wallis - Hart conversation today. Press Release regarding H.M.C.S. "Ontario".</p> <p>2. This will confirm that R.C.N. authorities agree with the U.S. Navy's desire to make the proposed press release on Friday, April 21 at 12:00 noon. Regarding the text, it is suggested that the last paragraph of the Navy's text should end with the word "recruits", the remaining six words being omitted. In addition, the words "it was announced today by Naval authorities in Ottawa. A simultaneous announcement was released in Washington", will be inserted after the word "Harbour" in the first paragraph of the Canadian text and the corresponding words of the U.S. Navy's text will be omitted.</p> <p>3. This will also confirm that the press release mentioned in paragraph 2 of your message did not refer to the "Ontario's" participation in a U.S. Naval exercise.</p> <p>4. Provided the State Department is agreeable this Department is prepared, in the case of <u>this</u> exercise, to leave it entirely to the Navies to decide between themselves on the publicity arrangements and publicity to be made in connection with the exercise.</p>		
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*To* THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

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WASHINGTON,

2. The Naval Attache's office has just informed us that the Department of National Defence already released independently on April 14th a statement to the press on the visit of H.M.C.S. Ontario to Pearl Harbour. I gather this press release mentioned that the Ontario was on a training cruise but did not refer to its participation in a United States naval exercise.

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WASHINGTON, March 17, 1950.

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Confidential. Following for Information and Defence  
Liaison Division, Begins:

Re item 7 of today's Supplementary Press Scan and  
EX-447 of March 15th: AP item concerning delay in press  
despatches concerning Caribex manoeuvres.

The Department of Defence may be interested in knowing  
that the AP Bureau in Washington has been advised of the  
special arrangement for control of clearances by Navy  
Officials made for Caribex. The agency's defence correspondent  
who wrote the item under reference has offered to try to  
incorporate the information given him in a future despatch  
without referring again to the directive involved. His  
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Washington, March 16, 1950.

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To the Secretary of State for External Affairs,  
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Washington, D. C.,  
March 16, 1950.

Dear Mr. Snow:

In a telephone conversation of March 15, Mr. Wallis of this Embassy informed Mr. Wight of your office that, provided the State Department was agreeable, the Department of External Affairs at Ottawa would be prepared, in the case of exercise "CARIBEX", to leave it entirely to the Royal Canadian Navy and the United States Navy to decide between themselves on the publicity arrangements and publicity to be made in connection with the manoeuvre.

I understand from Mr. Wight's subsequent conversation with Mr. Wallis that this proposal is satisfactory to the State Department and to the Department of Defence.

Yours sincerely,

G. Ignatieff  
Counsellor.

William P. Snow, Esquire,  
Officer in Charge,  
Dominion Affairs,  
Department of State,  
Washington, D. C.

# MESSAGE FORM OUTGOING

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TO: THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR,  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

MESSAGE TO BE SENT EN CLAIR CODE CYPHER <b>AUTO X</b>	No. <b>EX-447</b>	Date March 15, 1950.	FOR COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE USE ONLY <b>SENT: MAR 15 1950</b>
DEGREE OF PRIORITY <b>Important</b>	Reference EX-317 of February 20 and previous correspondence regarding Exercise "Caribex".		
ORIGINATOR SIG. <b>C.C. EBERTS</b> TYPED: <b>PMC</b> DIV. <b>DEF. LIAISON</b> LOCAL TEL. <b>7509</b>	With reference to Wallis-Eberts conversations today, this will confirm that, provided the State Department is agreeable, this Department is prepared, in the case of <u>this</u> exercise, to leave it entirely to the Navies to decide between themselves on the publicity arrangements and publicity to be made in connection with the manoeuvres.		
APPROVED BY SIG. <i>[Signature]</i> TYPED:	It is our understanding that the State Department has now indicated that this suggestion is entirely satisfactory to all concerned in Washington.		
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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Dept. of External Affairs,  
Defence Liaison Section.

Attn: Mr. Ebverts.

It is requested that this be cleared  
with the United States authorities at the earliest  
possible moment as arranged by Mr. Dumsday by  
telephone.

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DIRECTOR OF NAVAL INFORMATION

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GUANTANAMO, CUBA -- HMC Ships Magnificent and Micmac sailed from Guantanamo Bay Wednesday morning, bound for the Windward Passage and a series of exercises with a United States Navy Task Force.

The Canadian Ships are to station themselves in an area in the northern portion of the Windward Passage, off the east coast of Cuba, while the United States Force, consisting of the battleship Missouri, two aircraft carriers, two heavy cruisers, one light cruiser and sixteen destroyers will take up a position in an area some 200 miles to the south.

At daybreak on March 16th, aircraft from the two forces will hunt each other and carry out simulated bombing, rocket and torpedo attacks on the surface vessels. In the afternoon of the same day the Canadian and U.S. forces will join up for combined manoeuvres.

On the following day, the 17th, the Magnificent's aircraft will take off at first light to carry out a strike on Leeward Point Air Base, in Guantanamo Bay, while U.S. aircraft will carry out a similar strike on Guantanamo Air Base.

The Canadian ships are scheduled to depart from the U.S. task force in the afternoon of March 17 and on the 18th they will hold anti-aircraft firing practice against high speed targets while enroute to a position north of Cuba to rendezvous with the America and West Indies Squadron of the Royal Navy on Monday, March 20.

Since the Canadian ships left Halifax February 13, aircraft of the 18th Carrier Air Group have logged over 300 flying hours in an <sup>intensive</sup> ~~intense~~ flying program designed to prepare aircrews for the combined exercises which will occupy the next two weeks.

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With the exception of two shore leave periods, one at Charleston, S.C., February 20 to 24, the other at Havana, Cuba, March 7 to 11, air operations have been carried out continuously from the Magnificent.

Good flying weather has played a favorable role in the success of the flying training thus far. The forthcoming exercises with Task Force 21 of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet will provide excellent training for the Canadian naval fliers in reconnaissance and strike work. They will concentrate on anti-submarine exercises in a later phase of the training cruise.

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TO: THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR,  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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SIG. C.C. EBERTS

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LOCAL TEL. 7509

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Director of Naval  
Information.

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DATE Feb. 20/50

Reference WA-408 of February 20. Press  
Release on Exercise "Caribex".

National Defence confirms that 3:00 a.m.  
EST, February 22, is satisfactory and will incorporate  
in its release the changes outlined in your message.

SECRETARY OF STATE  
FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

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No. 451

Washington, February 18, 1950.

To the Secretary of State for External Affairs,  
Ottawa.

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I transmit herewith 1 copy~~ies~~ of the document(s)  
listed below.

*[Signature]*  
(For the Ambassador)

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DOCUMENTS AND DATE

SUBJECT

Letter to William P. Snow of the  
State Department dated February 18,  
1950.

Press release on U.S.-British  
Canadian-Dutch naval exercises in  
the Caribbean area.

(Reference your EX-295 dated February 17, 1950).

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Washington, D. C.,  
February 18, 1950.

Dear Mr. Snow:

This confirms the information given to Mr. Wight of your office by Mr. Wallis of this Embassy on February 17 that the Canadian Government approves the release to the press of the statement on combined United States-British-Canadian and Dutch Exercises in the Caribbean, the text of which was attached to your letter of February 15.

The Canadian Government requests, however, that the following changes should be made in the text:

- (a) In paragraph 5, the words "Canadian light carrier" should be amended to read "Canadian light fleet carrier";
- (b) In the last paragraph, the sentence concerning Vice Admiral Symonds-Taylor should conclude with the following words "with Commodore Adams of H.M.C.S. Magnificent as senior Canadian officer".

The Canadian authorities also plan to make certain other additions in the press release which they will issue but they do not feel that it is necessary for these additions to be released by the other Governments concerned. The Canadian text will therefore contain the following supplementary information in paragraph 5:

- (a) After the words "the Canadian light fleet carrier, H.M.C.S. Magnificent" and before the comma, will be inserted the words "(commanded by Commodore E. F. Adams, RCN)".

William P. Snow, Esquire,  
Officer in Charge, Dominion Affairs,  
Department of State,  
Washington.

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- (b) After the words "the Canadian destroyer, H.M.C.S. Micmac" and before the comma, will be added the words "(commanded by Lieutenant Commander F. C. Frewer, RCN)".

I should appreciate your informing me in due course of the proposed date and time for the release of the statement to the press.

Yours sincerely,

G. Ignatieff  
Counsellor.

# TELETYPE

From THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES  
To THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

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WASHINGTON, February 20, 1950.

Restricted. Reference your teletype EX-295 of February 17. Draft press release on exercise "Caribex".

We transmitted to the State Department your amendments to this press release. Those given in paragraphs 1 and 3 of your teletype under reference will be incorporated in the agreed text. It was agreed that the changes given in your paragraph 4 will be included only in the Canadian version.

2. The Canadian Desk has now informed us that the United Kingdom has approved the draft text with no change: evidently they will accept the United States inclusion of the words "R.N." after the name of Vice Admiral Symonds-Taylor.

3. The Netherlands Government has requested that the following amendments be made to the press release:

(a) The word "Dutch" wherever used should be changed to "Netherlands";

(b) In the ninth paragraph the sloop "Johan Maritus Von Nassau" should be spelled "Johan Maurits Van Nassau";

(c) In the ninth paragraph the words "H.N.M.S." should be inserted before the names of each of the three Netherlands ships.

4. The United States, British and Netherlands authorities in Washington have agreed, subject to your concurrence, that the press release should be made public at 0800 hours Greenwich civil time,



## TELETYPE

From THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES

To THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

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WASHINGTON,

Wednesday, February 22, (that is, 3:00 a.m., E.S.T., February 22). I take it that this time will enable the press release to appear in the morning papers in each of the countries concerned. Please inform me as soon as possible if this date and time is satisfactory.

CANADIAN AMBASSADOR



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FROM: THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

TO: THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR,

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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(ii) After the words "the Canadian destroyer,  
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From THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES

To THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

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WASHINGTON, February 16, 1950.

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Restricted. My immediately preceding message.

Following is the proposed text of a press release on combined United States, British, Canadian and Dutch naval exercises in the Caribbean area:

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## Proposed Press Release on Combined United States-British-Canadian and Dutch Exercises

The United States Atlantic Fleet ships and aircraft will combine with units of the British, Canadian and Dutch fleets for anti-submarine and air defence exercises in the Caribbean about the middle of March.

The combined British, Canadian and United States manoeuvres, designated Caribex, will extend through the Antilles as far north as Charleston, South Carolina.

The combined Dutch-United States exercises, which are not a part of Caribex, will be held concurrently in the Guantanamo Bay operating area.

In the first phase of Caribex, the first striking force, composed of the carriers USS Philippine Sea, USS Leyte, and USS Wright, with three cruisers and 16 destroyers, will make a passage from a point west of Martinique to a point south of Guantanamo Bay.

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## TELETYPE

From THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES

To THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

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WASHINGTON,

and the air reconnaissance force, will be opposed by 11 United States Navy submarines and the second striking force, composed of the Canadian light carrier HMCS Magnificent, the Canadian destroyer HMCS Micmac, the British cruiser HMS Glasgow, and the two British sloops HMS Snipe and HMS Sparrow.

The hunter-killer force will include the two United States escort carriers, USS Palau and USS Mindoro, 15 destroyer types and two land-based aircraft squadrons. The air reconnaissance force will be made up of 10 patrol bomber squadrons supported by two seaplane tenders.

In the latter part of the first phase of Caribex, the United States carrier striking force will join the British-Canadian striking force in making a simulated air strike against the naval operating base, Guantanamo Bay. Following the air strikes, the two forces will join the hunter-killer force for anti-aircraft gunnery practice.

Before beginning the second phase of Caribex, the ships will fuel at sea and simulate replenishing stores and ammunition at sea.

The large carrier USS Franklin D. Roosevelt and eight destroyer types, which will have completed separate operations with the Dutch forces in the Guantanamo Bay area, will rejoin Caribex for the second phase of the exercise. The Dutch forces consisting of the light carrier Karel Doorman, the anti-aircraft cruiser Jacob Van Heermskerk and the sloop Johan Maritus Von Nassau, will continue on their spring training cruise.

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To THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

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WASHINGTON.

During the second phase of Caribex, the striking forces and the fuelling and replenishing ships will attempt a passage from the Antilles to a point just off Charleston, South Carolina, while under air attack by the patrol bombers and opposed by the 11 submarines.

The United States striking force and the British-Canadian striking force will also conduct air strikes against each other.

The United States forces will be under the command of Vice Admiral Donald B. Duncan, USN, Commander of the Second Fleet. Rear Admiral Thomas S. Combs, Commander of Carrier Division One, will command the United States forces exercising with the Netherlands units. The British-Canadian forces will be commanded by Vice Admiral R.V. Symonds-Taylor, C.B., D.S.C., R.N. The Dutch forces will be under the command of Rear Admiral J.J.L. Willinge, Neth. R.N. Ends.

CANADIAN AMBASSADOR



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Restricted. Press release on combined United States, British, Canadian and Dutch naval exercises in the Caribbean area.

My immediately following teletype contains the text of a release which is to be issued jointly and simultaneously after clearance by the Governments concerned. This text has been cleared by the appropriate United States military authorities and has been approved by the Department of State. The United Kingdom and Dutch Governments have given authority to their Naval Attaches in Washington to clear it, and their clearance is expected today. If you agree to the text, then a time will be proposed for simultaneous release of the statement.

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FROM: THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

TO: THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR, WASHINGTON, D.C.

MESSAGE TO BE SENT EN CLAIR CODE CYPHER	No. <b>EX-1814</b> Date <b>July 20, 1949.</b>	FOR COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE USE ONLY <b>SENT -- JUL 20 1949</b>
DEGREE OF PRIORITY <b>IMMEDIATE</b>	Reference my EX-1768 of July 15. Suggested press visit to cover anti-submarine operations off Canadian east coast from July 23 to August 3.	
ORIGINATOR <b>UB</b>	RCAF have given up idea of holding press visit to Greenwood for the exercises themselves, and instead are inviting press there today to cover arrival of RAF Squadron. Arrangements have been made with United Kingdom authorities.	
SIG. <b>M. Blais/mr</b> TYPED: <b>Def. Liaison</b> LOCAL TEL. <b>3795</b>		
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# ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

Ottawa, July the 18th, 1949.

Mr. M. Blais,  
Defence Liaison,  
Department of External Affairs,  
Ottawa, Ont.

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Dear Mr. Blais,

This will confirm our telephone conversation of Friday, concerning our suggested press visit to cover anti-submarine operations off the East Coast in late July and early August.

We have given up the idea of holding a press visit to Greenwood for the exercises themselves, and instead are inviting the press there on July 20th, to cover the arrival of the RAF squadron. Necessary arrangements are being made with the United Kingdom Air Liaison Mission at AFHQ.

Many thanks for your trouble in the matter.

Very truly yours,

*R. V. Dodds*

(R. V. Dodds)  
Director of Public Relations (RCAF)  
for Chief of the Air Staff

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Reference your WA-1892 of July 14.

Clearance for press coverage of anti-submarine exercise off Canadian east coast from July 23 to August 3.

Press party is purely tentative. If it is ever held, RCAF agree to abide by the condition that any photographs of the United States submarine be sent to Washington for clearance before publication.

The press party being a small affair, only *Halifax* ~~local~~ *would be* press men ~~have been~~ invited to cover the exercise. If the United States Navy insist in having United States press men attend the party, RCAF would not object.

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# TELETYPE

From THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES  
To THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

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WASHINGTON, July 14, 1949.

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Unclassified. Your EX-1752, July 13th, clearance for press coverage of anti-submarine exercise off Canadian East Coast July 23rd to August 3rd.

1. This question has been referred to the State Department who asked if the RCAF would undertake to send to Washington for clearance any photographs of the United States submarine which the newsmen may desire to publish. As this is one of the standard conditions, we replied that we had no doubt the RCAF would be willing to agree to this condition if the United States Navy insisted.

2. The State Department also asked if any invitations had been extended to United States pressmen to cover the exercise or if the RCAF intended to limit the invitations to Canadian pressmen only. We were unable to answer the first part of this question but, with regard to the second part, gave our personal opinion that the RCAF would not object to the presence of a small number of United States pressmen if accommodation permitted. These questions appeared to be conventional rather than indicative of any concern for United States pressmen but we would be glad to know what answers we should give in the event that the United States navy express a desire to have United States pressmen attend.

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Plans are underway to hold Anti-Submarine operations off Canadian east coast between July 23 and August 3. Participating will be an USN submarine, a RCN frigate, six <sup>RAF</sup> Lancasters, and probably two RCAF Lancasters and a RN submarine.

RCAF is now exploring the possibility of inviting about fifteen newsmen to Greenwood to cover the exercise and of taking them in several of the aircraft carrying out mock attacks on the American submarine. It is also proposed to allow photographs to be taken of a mock attack. This press party is so far purely tentative, but it will be appreciated if at this stage clearance could be obtained from the US Navy and State Department to enable such press coverage.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

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OUR FILE 900-23 (DPR)  
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## ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

Ottawa, Ont., 8th July, 1949.

Department of External Affairs,  
Room 275, East Block,  
Ottawa, Ont.

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*9/11 note to W/C Birch (RAF).  
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July 13.  
WB*

Attention: Mr. Marcel Blais

### Publicity - Combined Anti-Submarine Operations

Plans are at the moment under way to hold anti-submarine operations off the Canadian east coast between July 23 and August 3. Participating in the exercises will be a submarine of the United States Navy, a frigate of the Royal Canadian Navy, six Lancasters of the RAF, and probably two Lancasters of the RCAF. There is a possibility that a submarine of the Royal Navy may also participate.

*Major Hamilton  
(U.K. H.C.O.)*

*RN Submarine*

*will be on loan to  
RCAF  
July 13.  
WB*

A possibility of arranging a small press party to cover the exercise is presently being explored and it is requested that clearance be obtained from the United States Navy and State Department to enable such press coverage.

It is planned to invite a party of perhaps a dozen or fifteen newsmen to Greenwood during the period between July 23 and August 3 and to take them in several of the aircraft carrying out mock attacks on the American submarine. If possible, arrangements will be made to allow photographs to be taken of a mock attack.

May this Directorate be informed as to whether there are any objections from the Americans? It should be stressed that the entire idea of the press party is so far purely tentative and is dependent upon various factors, one of which is the decision of the Americans.

*R. V. Dodds*

(R. V. Dodds)

Director of Public Relations (RCAF)  
for Chief of the Air Staff

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"REPORT FROM PARLIAMENT HILL"--A DAILY CXXX FEATURE COMMENTARY ON DEVELOPMENTS IN OTTAWA.....SOME TIME TODAY, THREE PLATOONS OF CANADIAN SOLDIERS WILL WADE ASHORE ON THE ISLAND OF VIEQUES OFF PUERTO RICO. FOUR THOUSAND MILES AWAY, AND ALMOST AS FAR FROM OTTAWA, THE BRITISH HOUSE OF COMMONS WILL GIVE SECOND READING TO A BILL THAT WOULD GIVE EFFECT TO THE UNION OF NEWFOUNDLAND WITH CANADA. TO REPORT ON THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THESE TWO DEVELOPMENTS, HERE IS A COMMENTARY FROM CXXX'S OTTAWA CORRESPONDENT, EDMUND MORRIS.

NAVAL MANEUVERS NOW GOING ON IN THE CARIBBEAN SEA ARE OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE TO CANADA. FOR THEY ILLUSTRATE CLEARLY THAT THE FLEETS OF THE WESTERN WORLD NOW FACE TO EASTWARD.

THE PREDOMINANT FIGURE IN THIS NEW TREND IS THE UNITED STATES NAVY. NOW THE LARGEST AND MOST EFFECTIVE FLEET IN THE WORLD, IT HAS SWUNG ABOUT FACE SINCE THE END OF THE WAR. FROM THE FATEFUL '41 MORNING, WHEN JAPANESE PLANES WINGED OVER A SLEEPING PEARL HARBOUR AND OAHU'S DIAMOND HEAD, THE AMERICAN NAVY RECOVERED UNTIL IT CONTROLLED THE PACIFIC. IT BULKED MOST OF ITS STRENGTH IN THAT OCEAN.

BUT IN THE LAST YEAR THE PATTERN HAS CHANGED. THE U.S. ATLANTIC FLEET IS NOW STRONGER AND MORE SIGNIFICANT STRATEGICALLY THAN THE PACIFIC.

TODAY'S LANDING ON VIEQUES--THE TRADITIONAL SCENE OF MANY U.S. NAVY PRACTICE EXERCISES--MARKS THE HIGH POINT OF THE MANEUVERS. SYMBOLIC OF THE WESTERN WORLD'S STRATEGY, VIEQUES WILL SIMULATE PART OF AN AFRICAN-EURASIAN LAND MASS, AN ENEMY AREA ASSUMED TO BE HELD BY SIX THOUSAND MEN. ACTUALLY JUST OVER THREE HUNDRED U.S. ARMY DEFENDERS WILL OPPOSE THE LANDS.

THE NEW YORK TIMES MILITARY ANALYST, HANSON BALDWIN, WRITES OF TODAY'S EVENTS, "THE AMPHIBIOUS LANDING MAY PRODUCE A FEW NEW 'WRINKLES', BUT PRINCIPAL INTEREST IN THIS PHASE IS CONCENTRATED ON THE PARTICIPATION OF THE CANADIANS--A PARTICIPATION WHICH INDICATES THE INCREASING POLITICAL, AS WELL AS MILITARY, SOLIDARITY OF THE NORTH AMERICAN CONTINENT."

CANADA'S COLD-WATER NAVY, MORE AT HOME IN ATLANTIC THAN PACIFIC, WILL BE ABLE TO STUDY THE RESULTS OF OPERATIONS BY HIGH-SPEED SNORKEL SUBMARINES, AND ANTI-SUB OPERATIONS BY HUNTER-KILLER GROUPS, INCLUDING FOR THE FIRST TIME OPERATIONS BY AN ESCORT CARRIER IN CONJUNCTION WITH SMALL ATTACHED BLIMPS.

TACTICS AND TECHNIQUES IN UNDERSEA WAR HAVE THE HIGHEST PRIORITY OF ANY CANADIAN NAVY PROJECT. ANTI-SUBMARINE METHODS HAD THE NAVY FRIGHTENED LAST AUTUMN. WHAT IT HAS DONE ABOUT IT IS MOSTLY TOP SECRET, BUT PROGRESS HAS CERTAINLY BEEN MADE.

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# ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

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OTTAWA -- The Algerine minesweeper, H.M.C.S. "Portage", will be commissioned approximately March 15 to supplement the fleet during the 1949 reserve training program, Naval Headquarters announced today.

The "Portage" will be commissioned at Halifax and will operate for the second successive year on the Great Lakes. Lt.-Cdr. D.M. MacDonald, R.C.N., 33, of Pictou, N.S., has been appointed commanding officer of the vessel.

From May 21, when the "Portage" will arrive at Montreal, until September 10, the ship will train personnel of the Naval Divisions at Kingston, Toronto, Hamilton, Windsor, London (Sarnia) and Port Arthur.

Built during the war, H.M.C.S. "Portage" saw service as a convoy escort vessel on the North Atlantic. Since her last commission in the summer of 1948, she has been maintained in the Reserve Fleet. On completion of her 1949 reserve training assignment, the ship will be employed in minesweeping training of R.C.N. personnel at Halifax.

Lt.-Cdr. MacDonald, whose previous appointment was that of commanding officer of H.M.C.S. "Bytown", depot ship for Naval personnel at Headquarters, Ottawa, joined the R.C.N.V.R. in Halifax in July, 1940. He saw extensive service with the Royal Navy, both during and after the war. Among the R.N. ships in which he served were the cruiser, H.M.S. "Black Prince" and the aircraft carrier H.M.S. "Indefatigable".

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FROM DIRECTOR OF NAVAL INFORMATION—OTTAWA

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He served also in the Canadian corvette H.M.C.S. "Rimouski", and was commanding officer of the frigate H.M.C.S. "Jonquiere" during the closing months of the war. He transferred to the Royal Canadian Navy in August, 1945, and assumed command of H.M.C.S. "Bytown" in December, 1947.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: Complete cruise program of H.M.C.S. "Portage" is attached.

H.M.C.S. "PORTAGE"

PROGRAM FOR GREAT LAKES AREA, 1949

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>ARRIVE</u>	<u>DEPART</u>
HALIFAX		Wed. 18th May
MONTREAL	Sat. 21st May	Sat. 21st May
KINGSTON	Mon. 23rd May	Mon. 23rd May
TORONTO	Tues. 24th May	Wed. 25th May
HAMILTON	Wed. 25th May	Wed. 25th May
WINDSOR	Sat. 28th May	Sat. 28th May
SARNIA	Sat. 28th May	Sat. 28th May
PORT ARTHUR	Wed. 1st June	Thurs. 9th June
SARNIA	Sun. 12th June	Mon. 13th June
WINDSOR	Mon. 13th June	Fri. 24th June
PORT STANLEY	Sat. 25th June	Wed. 6th July
TORONTO	Sat. 9th July	Sat. 9th July
HAMILTON	Sat. 9th July	Wed. 20th July
TORONTO	Wed. 20th July	Thurs. 21st July
KINGSTON	Fri. 22nd July	Mon. 1st Aug.
TORONTO	Tues. 2nd Aug.	Mon. 5th Sept.
MONTREAL	Thurs. 8th Sept.	Sat. 10th Sept.
HALIFAX	Tues. 13th Sept.	

X During this period, it is intended to hold a regatta with personnel from H.M.C.S. "CATARAQUI", "PREVOST", "HUNTER", "CARLETON", "YORK", "STAR", and possibly the U.S.N. or U.S.N.R. participating.

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February 9, 1949.

NOTE FOR FILE 366-G-40

Reference: National Defence letter of January 6.  
Our letter to Maj. Stewart of January 7.  
R.C.N. Press Release January 7.  
Canadian Army Release January 7.  
Our letter to Maj. Stewart of January 11.

The Canadian Army release of January 7 shows that, despite the defence publicity directives, the Army published a different release from that approved by the U.S. authorities. Perhaps the most important point is that they added the information (since proved incorrect) that R.C.N. ships would be in the U.S. Caribbean manoeuvres. As we were, therefore, in an embarrassing position, copies of the Army release were not sent to Washington, in the hope that they would forget their request for copies.

2. On January 6 National Defence sent us, for clearance with the U.S. authorities, a release on the spring cruise because it referred to Canada-U.S. exercises in the Caribbean and off San Diego. This reached me at 6:00 p.m. January 7, a few minutes after Don Menzies had brought it to my attention that the R.C.N. had actually released the proposed text earlier that day.

3. In view of these two departures from the clearance procedure I rang Cdr Hayden of the Directorate of Naval Information and asked for an explanation. He claimed that the Montreal Gazette had given rise to press enquiries about the possibility of the R.C.N. participating in the U.S. Caribbean exercises by misquoting the U.S. release on those exercises. The U.S. release (WA-38, Jan. 6) referred to "Royal" Canadian Army Units participating. The "Gazette" had taken this to mean "Royal Canadian Navy Units" and had printed it accordingly. Resultant press enquiries had made it impossible to withhold the information about R.C.N. participation.

4. I told Cdr Hayden in no uncertain terms that we could not conduct business this way and expect the U.S. to comply with the publicity directives which are very important to Canada, and pointed out that the reply could have been made to press enquirers that the question of R.C.N. participation was not yet settled. As he took the matter very much to heart (and apologized two or three times

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subsequently) I thought it just as well not to make a complaint by letter to the Deputy Minister of National Defence since that would lead to trouble for Naval Information and result in bad blood in that office, which would be to External's disadvantage in the long run. I think our point was gained more satisfactorily by getting Naval Information to realize the importance of the matter and that we would take more drastic action if they were responsible for further breaches.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'C. C. Eberts', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

C. C. Eberts



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OTTAWA, February 9, 1949.

Dear Sir,

I should like to refer to our letter of January 22 enclosing for your consideration a draft teletype to Washington regarding the question of Canadian and U.S. civilian journalists participating in the Canada-U.K.-U.S. naval manoeuvres due to take place in the Caribbean between March 21 and April 1, 1949.

Commander Hayden subsequently called us to comment on our draft teletype and I am enclosing two copies of EX-222 that we sent to Washington on January 28 with Commander Hayden's approval.

I also attach two copies of teletype WA-319 of February 7 from Washington indicating that it has now been decided that U.S. ships will not be participating in the Canada-U.K. manoeuvres scheduled for the end of March. In the circumstances I assume that the question of Canadian journalists being present at these manoeuvres and the release of such stories as they may prepare, will be settled by the Department of National Defence with the Royal Navy in the normal way.

Yours sincerely,

Acting Under-Secretary of State  
for External Affairs.

The Director of Naval Information,  
Department of National Defence,  
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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY MINISTER  
OTTAWA

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26th October, 1948.

Dear Sir,

The recent press release giving an outline of the exercises taking place between U.S.N. and R.C.N. units in the Pacific has served to establish, with both press and public, the fact that exercises on a noticeable scale, including anti-submarine exercises, are being carried out jointly by the two Navies.

2. Hitherto every care has been taken to prevent any publicity appearing regarding such joint efforts, in particular the periodical anti-submarine exercises in eastern and western coastal waters. Since it is impossible to conceal the fact that Canadian ships and United States submarines are manoeuvring in company, the restraint shown by the press has only been due to urgent requests by the Navy that they will regard these as being under close security restrictions as a matter of general principle.

3. As a result of the press release on the Pearl Harbour exercises, it will be much more difficult to restrain the press in future, and indeed it is difficult to see how such restraint could be justified. It is therefore felt that, subject to obvious security in respect to the detailed nature of the exercises, it would now be a wise policy to release a brief statement in routine language on each occasion of exercises taking place on either coast.

4. It is therefore requested that appropriate action may be initiated to obtain approval of the United States authorities concerned to make a routine press release, without any details, on each occasion of the visit of a United States submarine for the purpose of carrying out exercises with the Royal Canadian Navy.

Yours very truly,

*W. Gordon Mills*  
(W. Gordon Mills)  
Deputy Minister.

The Under-Secretary of State  
for External Affairs,  
(Attention: Mr. David M. Johnson)  
East Block,  
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UNITED STATES

From THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES.

To THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

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WASHINGTON, February 7th, 1949.

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WA-319. Your EX-222 of 28th January concerning publicity for combined manoeuvres in the Western Atlantic and the Caribbean.

2. There seems to be some small misunderstanding about these exercises as we are informed by the State Department here that the United States Navy is not taking part in them. The State Department gave this reply by telephone but intends to confirm it in writing in a few days. They have suggested that if the Canadian Navy still does not understand about the unavailability of the U.S.S. "Midway" and the rest of the ships this could be ascertained through naval channels (Naval Member of Canadian Joint Staff to Admiral Strubel).

CANADIAN AMBASSADOR

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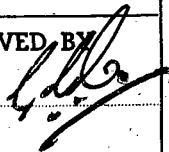
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TO: The Canadian Ambassador in Washington

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Reference your teletype WA 38 of January 6 giving text of U.S. release regarding extensive U.S. combined manoeuvres to be held in the Western Atlantic and the Caribbean from February 14 to April 1, with three Canadian Army platoons participating.

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in either case, the U.S.N. would have any objection to Canadian journalists being carried. We understand Mr. Claxton would like them to be there.

4. Our ships will, of course, carry naval public relations personnel including official photographers and, since intelligence personnel cannot be spared to check their material during the cruise, any material that they produce would, under normal RCN procedure, be checked by RCN HQ here -- in consultation with the USN HQ on doubtful security points -- before release to the press, etc.

5. It would be appreciated if you would take up these matters with the State Department and the USN and enquire whether the latter has any suggestions regarding clearance of civilian and official material.

6. If U.S. and/or Canadian newsmen are to go, we feel that it might be a very tall order and result in alienating the press seriously if we were to try to handle clearance of the newsmen's copy under the joint defence publicity directives and that, in any event, it should be unnecessary to do so in this case since the directives were really designed to meet political considerations that arise in connection with joint exercises in Canada and neighbouring Northern regions. Possibly the USN could state in advance what items of equipment, etc. should not be included in material for publication.



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TO: THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
FROM: THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
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OTTAWA, January 22, 1949.

The Director of Naval Information,  
Department of National Defence,  
Ottawa.

I should like to refer to the recent conversations that Commander Hayden of your Office has had with Mr. Eberts of our Defence Liaison Division regarding the question of journalists participating in the Canada-United Kingdom-United States naval manoeuvres that are to take place in the Caribbean between March 21 and April 1, 1949.

Commander Hayden has indicated that your Minister wishes us to enquire of the United States authorities whether there would be any objection to Canadian journalists being carried on the Canadian ships and that it is felt in your Department that clearance of copy prepared by journalists present at the Caribbean manoeuvres should not and need not be handled in accordance with the joint defence publicity directive of April 1, 1948.

As has been explained to Commander Hayden, we are inclined to doubt that it is desirable to take up these two points with the United States authorities without offering, at the same time, suggestions as to methods of clearance that might be satisfactory to the U.S. Navy and the R.N. In the circumstances, in consultation with Commander Hayden, we have prepared the attached draft teletype to the Embassy in Washington.

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As the teletype suggests a departure from the publicity directive (as interpreted to date by the U.S. authorities) and deals with alternative methods for clearing press material with which the R.C.N. would be intimately concerned, we would like to be sure that it is entirely satisfactory to your Department before it is sent to Washington.

I should, therefore, be grateful if you would let us know whether the draft teletype to Washington has the approval of your Department. It would save time if your reply could be sent by hand or telephone to Mr. C.C. Eberts, Room 278, East Block (Local 7509).

.... A copy of Washington teletype WA 38 of January 6 is attached for your information.

S. F. RAE

*for the* Acting Under-Secretary of  
State for External Affairs.

# MESSAGE FORM OUTGOING

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FROM: THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

TO: The Canadian Ambassador  
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Canadian journalists being present.

4. If U.S. and/or Canadian newsmen are to go, it is felt here that it would be a very tall order and probably result in alienating the press seriously if we were to try to handle clearance of the newsmen's copy under the joint defence publicity directives and that, in any event, it would be unnecessary to do so in this case since the directives were really designed to meet political considerations that arise in connection with joint exercises in Canada and neighbouring Northern regions.

5. The following methods of clearance have therefore been considered here:

(a) At sea or at ports visited, security officers of the three elements participating could jointly pass upon copy and photographs prepared by the journalists of the three countries, and then permit their release direct to the papers;

(b) If the three Navies were prepared to count on one another to carry out a careful check of the material prepared by their respective nationals, the security officers of each of the three groups of ships could separately check their nationals' material and permit its release direct to the papers - at sea or in ports visited.

6. National Defence would be satisfied with alternative (b), if it is acceptable to the U.S.N. and R.N., since the main consideration will be protection of classified Service information rather than political factors. Presumably, the three Navies could inform one another in advance of the equipment, etc. about which they do not want publicity. If the other two Navies preferred alternative (a), however, it would be acceptable to National Defence. It might be desirable to adopt both alternatives at different times, depending on the circumstances from day to day.

7. In any case, it will obviously be important for Canadian journalists to be able to obtain clearances as rapidly as other journalists participating.

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8. It would be appreciated if the matter could be explored by the State Department with the U.S.N. as soon as possible. We understand the R.C.N. will take it up with the R.N. after a solution satisfactory to the U.S.N. and the R.C.N. has been found.

*Mr. Rae*

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*Mr. Rae.*

January 22, 1949.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ACTING UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE  
FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Journalists at forthcoming Canada-  
U.S.-U.K. naval exercises in the  
Caribbean.

If the attached, self-explanatory letter to  
the Director of Naval Information, and its enclosure,  
are satisfactory to you, I will send them to Mr. Rae  
for signature in accordance with the publicity  
directive.

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F.R.  
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*W.B.*  
Defence Liaison Division.

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C.C. Eberts:MK

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OTTAWA, January 11, 1949.

Dear Major Stewart,

I should like to refer to my letter of January 7, regarding the Canadian Army press release of January 7, on participation in U.S. combined operations in the Caribbean by three platoons of Canadian amphibious troops.

We have now heard from the Embassy in Washington that it wants some copies of your release for the U.S. authorities and I should therefore appreciate it if eight copies could be sent to Mr. C. C. Eberts of our Defence Liaison Division at your convenience.

Yours sincerely,

G.C.C.

*for*

Acting Under-Secretary of State  
for External Affairs.

Major H. Stewart,  
Directorate of Public Relations,  
Department of National Defence,  
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**FINAL TEXT OF CANADIAN PRESS RELEASE  
(INCORPORATING U.S. AMENDMENTS)**

The Honourable Brooke Claxton, Minister of National Defence, announced today that three platoons of Canadian troops, commanded by Captain R. G. J. DesRivieres of Quebec City will take part in U.S. Atlantic Command exercises in the Caribbean, under Admiral William H. P. Blandy, U.S. Navy, Commander in Chief of the Atlantic Command and the U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

Mr. Claxton said it is not the first time that Canadian troops join U.S. forces in similar exercises. For some time small groups of Canadian soldiers have been taking amphibious training at a U.S. school near Norfolk, Virginia, and usually they are invited to take part in any exercises the U.S. forces put on while the course is in progress.

The presence of Canadian soldiers at the U.S. amphibious training school is part of the normal exchange of officers and men and training facilities between the two countries.

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Circulate copy of letter and two enclosures  
to Mr. Rae, Information Division.

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OTTAWA, January 7, 1949.

Dear Major Stewart,

I should like to refer to our recent conversations regarding the issue of a release by your Department on three platoons of Canadian amphibious troops who are to take part in U.S. combined exercises in the Caribbean in February and March.

I am attaching for your information a copy of the release on the combined exercises that was issued by the U.S. services authorities yesterday.

Confirming our conversation with you at noon today, I am enclosing the text of your release incorporating the U.S. revisions to which you have agreed.

Yours sincerely,

*G. G. Allen*  
for Acting Under-Secretary of State  
for External Affairs.

Major H. Stewart,  
Directorate of Public Relations,  
Department of National Defence,  
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# TELETYPE

From THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES

To THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

TELETYPE

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WA-46

JAN 7 1949

THE MINISTER OF

WASHINGTON, January 7, 1949.

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WA-46. My WA-44 of today's date concerning press release on the exercises in the Caribbean.

1. Confirming a telephone conversation between Mr. Rogers of this Embassy and Mr. Dumas of the Department of External Affairs, the United States authorities have cleared the press release proposed in your EX-6 of January 4th with the amendment of the first paragraph to read as follows and not as shown in my WA-44: "The Honourable Brooke Claxton, Minister of National Defence, announced today that three platoons of Canadian troops, commanded by Captain R.J.G. Desrivieres of Quebec City, will take part in United States Atlantic Command exercises in the Caribbean, under Admiral William H.P. Blandy, United States Navy, Commander in Chief of Atlantic and United States Atlantic Fleet".

2. I should appreciate receiving four copies of the press release in its final form to pass to the State Department.

CANADIAN AMBASSADOR

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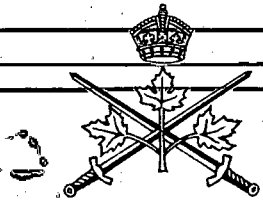
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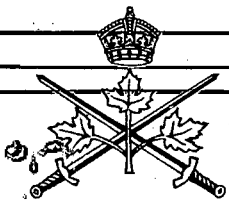
Ships of the Royal Canadian Navy will also take part, the Minister said.

This is in accordance with the arrangement whereby officers and men and training facilities are exchanged from time to time between the two countries.

Groups of Canadian soldiers have joined United States forces in similar amphibious exercises in the past. They have been using the facilities of the U.S. amphibious training school near Norfolk, Va., and usually they are invited to take part in any exercises the United States forces put on while the course is in progress.

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7th January, 1949.

RELEASE DATE: IMMEDIATE

OTTAWA -- Six operational units of the Royal Canadian Navy will participate in a spring cruise program commencing January 28 and continuing for three months, it was announced today by the Hon. Brooke Claxton, Minister of National Defence.

During one phase of the program the six-ship R.C.N. task force will carry out joint exercises in Caribbean waters with units of the British and United States fleets.

The Canadian task force will consist of the Halifax-based light fleet carrier "Magnificent" and the destroyer "Haida", and four west coast ships the cruiser "Ontario", destroyers "Athabaskan" and "Crescent" and the frigate "Antigonish".

The "Magnificent's" air component will be 803 and 883 Sea Fury Squadrons and 826 Firefly Squadron of the Royal Canadian Navy.

The schedule has been designed to provide a maximum amount of practical sea training for officers and men of the R.C.N. and R.C.N. (Reserve).

The four west coast ships will leave their Esquimalt base January 28 for Magdalena Bay, Mexico, with the "Athabaskan" and "Crescent" detaching en route to fuel at San Diego, California. After an 11-day work-up period at Magdalena Bay, the group will proceed to San Diego for fuel and for exercises with United States forces.

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On completion, the ships will proceed to Acapulco, Mexico, and from there to the Canal Zone and a rendezvous March 16 with the "Magnificent" and "Haida."

On March 19 the Canadian task force will rendezvous in the Caribbean with units of the British West Indies fleet and, after calling at St. John, Antigua, the combined squadrons will sail for Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, linking up en route with the carrier U.S.S. "Midway" and other American units.

On completion of exercises in the vicinity of Guantanamo, the west coast group will depart for home, going by way of the canal and Long Beach, California. They are due back in Esquimalt April 28.

The program for the "Magnificent" calls for her to sail from Halifax January 13 for the United Kingdom, where she will embark the new Firefly V anti-submarine aircraft of 825 Squadron. The carrier will return to Halifax February 23 and, after disembarking 825 Squadron and embarking 803, 826 and 883 Squadrons, will leave March 5, with the "Haida" in company, for Colon, Canal Zone. Deck landing training for pilots of the three squadrons will be carried out en route.

The "Magnificent" and "Haida" are scheduled to return to Halifax early in April.

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Ottawa, January 7, 1949

NOTE FOR FILE RE: EXPEDITION IN THE CARIBBEAN:

At noon on January 7, 1949 Mr. Rogers telephoned from the Canadian Embassy in Washington to say that the United States authorities had approved the draft of our press release forwarded to Washington in our teletype message EX-6 of January 4.

However the U.S. authorities suggested that the first paragraph, after "Quebec City" should read "will take part in U.S. Atlantic Command exercises in the Caribbean, under Admiral William N. P. Blandy, U.S. Navy, Commander in Chief of Atlantic <sup>Command</sup> and U.S. Atlantic fleet."

I telephoned to Major Stewart, Director of Public Relations at National Defence, to advise him of the U.S. approval and of this change, adding that it had also been suggested that as regards the second paragraph, "American forces" be replaced by "U.S. forces" and "American put on....." by "U.S. forces put on.....".

These three changes were agreed upon and Major Stewart stated that the Canadian press release would most probably be issued today.

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Two Copies of the Washington teletype WA-38 of January 6, 1949 containing the complete text of the U.S. press release as issued yesterday have also been transmitted to Major Stewart for his information.

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The definite text of our press release is hereafter attached.

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From THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES  
 To THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

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THE MINISTER OF

WASHINGTON, January 7, 1949.

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WA-44. My WA-38 of 6th January, 1949, concerning press releases on manoeuvres taking place in the Caribbean.

1. Today's New York Herald Tribune contains a headline on page 3, reading "Canada Troops to Join Navy War Exercises --- 100 Ships, 35,000 Men to be in Atlantic Maneouvers; Marine to Lead Troops". The Washington Times Herald, although not devoting a headline to the subject, similarly conveys the impression that we have a navy of 100 ships and 35,000 men and places this information on page 1.

Miss Tibbetts of the State Department told Rogers today that the United States Navy still has not cleared the proposed Canadian release. The lower grades have padded the release with a suggestion that the first paragraph be altered to read after the words "Quebec City," as follows: "were taking part in current United States Atlantic Command exercises in the Caribbean, under Admiral William H.P. Blandy, United States Navy, Commander in Chief of Atlantic and United States Atlantic Fleet". The higher levels in the department of the Navy have not yet said yes or no to the issuance of this release as proposed to be amended but I have asked that clearance be obtained not later than three o'clock this afternoon if at all possible. When an answer is received Rogers will telephone Dumas.

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NOTE TO Mr. Eberts:

Re: The Expedition in the Caribbean

The Canadian Embassy in Washington has not yet received from the U.S. authorities the approval of our draft press release.

However, it is expected shortly, and we should receive it this afternoon.

The Americans have said that they probably would like one or two changes to be made in our text.

They will issue their press release tonight around 5:00 or 6:00 o'clock, in time to be printed in tomorrow morning's newspapers.

P. Dumas

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12:35 p.m.

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OTTAWA

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Dear Sir,

Press Release - Spring Cruise Program

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R.C.N. Press Release on the proposed Spring Cruise Program is attached for clearance with the U.S. State Department, in accordance with the present arrangements for release of publicity in connection with joint R.C.N./U.S.N. activities.

May the Director of Naval Information (Local 6015) be informed by telephone as soon as this clearance is obtained.

Yours truly,

JAN 7 1949

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*W. Gordon Mills*  
W. Gordon Mills)  
DEPUTY MINISTER

The Under-Secretary of State  
for External Affairs,  
Department of External Affairs,  
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(Attention: Mr. Saul F. Rae,  
Chief of Information Division)

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The "Magnificent's" air component will be 803 and 883 Sea Fury Squadrons and 826 Firefly Squadron of the Royal Canadian Navy.

It will be the first time a Canadian carrier has taken part in exercises involving ships from both coasts and the inclusion of the "Magnificent" has made possible a more comprehensive training program than at any time in the past.

The schedule has been designed to provide a maximum amount of practical sea training for officers and men of the R.C.N. and R.C.N. (Reserve).

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Halifax early in April.

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*From* THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES  
*To* THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

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JAN 7 1949

THE MINISTER OF

WASHINGTON, January 6, 1949.

Copy to USSEA

WA-38. Your EX-6 of January 4th, concerning a press release on the activities of a group of three Canadian platoons in the Caribbean to be issued by the Honourable Brooke Claxton on January 8th.

2. The Canadian Desk told us today that final approval of the Canadian release had not yet been obtained from the higher naval authorities. Several changes are known to be in preparation. We hope to be able to send you the proposed revision by teletype to-morrow morning.

3. The United States release on the same subject has just come out, for publication in to-morrow morning's papers, as follows: Text Begins:

Atlantic Command manoeuvres will employ 100 ships and 35,000 men, including United States Army, Marine Corps, and Royal Canadian Army units.

The Atlantic Command, a unified command operating under the Joint Chiefs of Staff, will conduct large-scale exercises in the Western Atlantic and Caribbean areas during the period February 14th-April 1st, 1949, Atlantic Fleet Headquarters announced today, Units of the Army and Navy will participate.

Admiral W.H.P. Blandy, U.S.N., Commander-in-Chief of the Atlantic Command and the United States Atlantic Fleet, will be in overall command of the manoeuvres, which are designed to advance the combat readiness of the Atlantic Command

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*To* THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

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and the Atlantic Fleet, provide amphibious training for Army and Marine units, anti-submarine training for Navy units, and render additional phases of training to all forces participating.

Lieutenant-General Mathew B. Ridgeway, U.S.A., Commander-in-Chief of the Caribbean Command, is cooperating in the exercises by providing Army units from his command, and has authorized Rear Admiral D.E. Barbey, U.S.N., Commander, Caribbean Sea Frontier, and Commander, Antilles Sector of the Caribbean Command, to deal directly with Admiral Blandy concerning the use of bases and areas in the Caribbean area which will be used during the exercises.

The operation, which will be conducted with approximately 100 ships and 35,000 men, will be climaxed by an amphibious assault on the island of Vieques, Puerto Rico.

Several task forces of the Atlantic Fleet will participate. The Second Task Fleet, commanded by Vice Admiral Donald B. Duncan, U.S.N., will include aircraft carriers with their air groups embarked, the battleship USS Missouri, cruisers, destroyers, submarines, various types of aircraft squadrons, (including a helicopter group), seaplanetenders, minesweepers, fleet oilers (tankers), and several other auxiliary units of the Atlantic Fleet's forces. This striking force will conduct type, inter-type, and advanced training during the period February 21st - March 21st, and will support the amphibious landings on Vieques.

Vieques is to be assumed as an enemy area heavily fortified and held by a substantial garrison of troops. It will also be assumed that the enemy probably will not be able to

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deploy surface warships to oppose the attacks on this island. However, the attack and landings will be met by strong opposition in the form of submarines and aircraft. The long range aircraft, commanded by Rear Admiral R.F. Hickey, USN, Commander of Fleet Air Wings, Atlantic Fleet, will conduct search and attack operations against the opposing fleet units.

The submarine forces, commanded by Rear Admiral James Fife, Jr. USN, Commander of Submarine Force, Atlantic Fleet, will operate throughout the exercises as "enemy" submarines. The submarines will conduct a series of attacks against the Second Task Fleet, during its manoeuvres. During the period February 27th - March 3rd, the submarines will concentrate their efforts on opposing the joint expeditionary force, which will make the assault landing on the "enemy" held bases.

This joint expeditionary force, commanded by Rear Admiral Jerauld D. Wright, USN, will include ships of the amphibious force, ground and air units of the Fleet Marine Force of the Atlantic Fleet; Army units; three Canadian Army platoons commanded by Captain R.J.G. des Rivieres, Royal Canadian Army; U.S. Navy beach groups, transports, landing craft and mine-sweeping ships. Their objective is to destroy or capture "enemy" forces and installations in the eastern half of Vieques Island by amphibious assault. The joint expeditionary force will be supported during the landings by the planes and guns of the second task fleet, some of the latter's ships being transferred to Rear Admiral Wright's command for this purpose.

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The hunter-killer group, commanded by Rear Admiral Thomas H. Robbins, USN, will perform the major job of finding and destroying the submarines in the Vieques area.

D-Day for the amphibious landings is March 2nd. Operations involved in the "taking" of Vieques will continue until March 5th.

Rear Admiral Fred D. Kirtland, USN, Commander, Amphibious Training Command, Atlantic Fleet, is Commander of the Manoeuvres Enemy Force, and will act as umpire to evaluate the state of training of participating units. Opposing submarines and aircraft attacks will be coordinated by the Commander of the Manoeuvre Enemy Force.

Army and Marine Corps units will be under the overall command of Lieutenant General Keller E. Rockey, USMC, Commanding General of the Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic Fleet.

Army units taking part in the exercises will include: 65th Infantry Regiment; 504th Field Artillery Battalion; Company F, 18th Mechanized Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron; 531st Engineer Combat Company; 27th Army Anti-Aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battery; short party provided by zone of interior (including detachment of Engineer Special Brigade, platoon from Amphibious Truck Company, four (4) transportation ship platoon and detachment of 7th Medium Port Headquarters Company); Manoeuvre Enemy Forces (including detachments of army troops from Fort Riley, Kansas, and from Army Forces, Caribbean).

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Several days after completion of the amphibious assault phase of the exercise, the major portion of the army units will be reembarked and returned to their bases. Liberty will be granted in Caribbean ports to the officers and men of the ships taking part in the exercises. Text ends.

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Confidential. Following for Magann or Rogers from Defence  
Liaison Division, Begins:

1. There is no objection here to the issuing of <sup>the</sup> press release by the United States Armed Forces concerning the expedition in the Caribbean. However the name of the commander of the Canadian Army platoons should be spelled Captain R. J. G. DesRivieres and not Captain Bess Revieres.
2. Follows the text of the press release which National Defence will issue on January 8, that is, on the day following the American press release, quote: The Honourable Brooke Claxton, Minister of National Defence, announced today that three platoons of Canadian troops, commanded by Captain R. J. G. DesRivieres of Quebec City, were taking part in current U. S. exercises in the Caribbean. Paragraph. Mr. Claxton said it is not the first time Canadian troops have joined American forces in similar exercises. For some time small groups of Canadian soldiers have been taking amphibious training at a U.S. school near Norfolk, Virginia and usually they are invited to take part in any exercises the Americans put on while the course is in progress. Paragraph. The presence of Canadian soldiers at the U.S. amphibious training school is part of the normal exchange of officers and men and training facilities between the two countries. Unquote.
3. Could you please get this text approved by American authorities as soon as possible and inform us of approval in time for publication of our text in Canada.
4. Please also secure the time and text of the U.S. release, for communication to National Defence.

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TO: The Canadian Ambassador to the United States  
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From THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES  
 To THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

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WASHINGTON, December 31, 1948.

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Major Stewart  
 Dick Wright  
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WA-3269. Confidential. Following for Defence Liaison Division from Magann, Begins:

1. Snow telephoned this morning to say that there was an expedition in the Carribean on which the United States armed forces wish to issue a press release not later than January 7th. They have asked that we do everything possible to get clearance not later than January 4th. Clearance is required, in the opinion of the State Department, because there are a few Canadians present on the expedition. The press release, which is about three pages in length and of which we have not been shown a copy, states the purpose of the expedition and lists the participants. In the list is the following item: "three Canadian Army platoons commanded by Captain Bess Revieres, Canadian Army". This is the only reference to Canada or Canadians in the whole release. Ends.

Capt. R. J. G. Desrivieres

CANADIAN AMBASSADOR

In the course of a conversation with Mr. Rogers, Canadian Embassy - Washington, I have been told that the landing would take place in Puerto Rico.

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TO: **CANADIAN AMBASSADOR, WASHINGTON.**

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Following for Magann from Johnson,  
begins:

Reference your WA-2823 of October 29 and  
previous correspondence regarding clearance of  
R.C.N. releases on the joint U.S.-Canadian  
naval exercises in the Pacific.

My immediately following teletype gives  
the text of a further release that the R.C.N.  
would like to be able to give out as soon as  
possible to radio stations and the press. It  
was prepared by Edmund Morris of the Canadian  
Association of Broadcasters who has been with  
Canadian Task Force 213 in the Pacific.

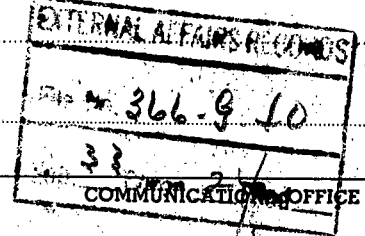
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Following for Magann from Johnson, begins:  
Reference my immediately preceding teletype.  
Following is the text of the R.C.N.'s draft release.  
Quote. Fifty United States combat aircraft from  
Hawaiian bases have launched a dummy attack on the 5-  
ship Canadian Task Force in the biggest single air  
exercise of its month-old Pacific Training Cruise.  
Seven more planes controlled by "Ontario" acted as  
fighter cover for the ships to repel high and low  
level and dive-bombing attacks. The striking force  
was more than double that used in an earlier Joint  
Exercise. The purpose of both was to exercise the  
ships in air plotting and fighting defence. Radar  
teams picked up the attacking planes while they were  
still well out of sight, and directed protecting fighters  
in counter moves. U.S. Air Force officers have a high  
regard for Canadian air defence. On one occasion, the ship  
jammed radio transmission facilities in a scouting plane  
sent out to shadow the Task Force for submarine attack.  
The planes found the target without much difficulty, but  
had no way of getting the information back to their  
submarines.

The ships have also engaged units of the United  
States Pacific Submarine Fleet. The undersea craft

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exercise the Task Force in defensive tactics against torpedoes and hunter-killer routine.

Anti-aircraft firing, against small pilotless planes, radio-controlled and large, shore-based, radio-controlled aircraft, has also been carried out in the Cruiser "Ontario", the Destroyers "Cayuga", "Athabaskan", "Crescent", and the Frigate "Antigonish". The Destroyers and the Frigate, have also engaged in anti-submarine practice individually, as a group, and in company with U.S. air and underwater craft. Defence Minister Brooke Claxton has described the overall Joint Exercises as "The most thorough workout under combat conditions that has been undertaken jointly by the U.S. and Canadian Navies since the war". Unquote.

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2. However, I thought that you should know for your own information that this reference has been checked with the Naval Service and I am informed by the Naval Secretary that, according to records at Canadian Headquarters of employment of the Fleet for the period in question, no combined exercises of any kind took place in September 1947. On the other hand, naval exercises involving cooperation of Canadian Naval Forces with United States and United Kingdom Forces have taken place on other occasions.

3. Comments on Vishinsky's proposals on disarmament follow by Savingsgram.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ACTING UNDER-SECRETARY  
OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

SECRET

Vishinsky's Reference to Canadian  
Participation in Naval Manoeuvres  
in September 1947

With reference to Vishinsky's remarks in his speech on Saturday, 25 September regarding Canadian participation in Naval manoeuvres in the Atlantic in September 1947, I have had the facts checked by the Secretary of the Chiefs of Staff Committee. I attach for your consideration a memorandum to the Secretary of State for External Affairs for your signature, if you agree, forwarding the reply of the Naval Secretary and attaching a telegram to the Canadian delegation in Paris.

*S. J. Petry*

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Minister*

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*ER.*

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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY  
CHIEFS OF STAFF COMMITTEE  
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Confirming telephone conversation of 27th September, between Secretary, Chiefs of Staff Committee and the Naval Secretary, the following are the facts concerning exercises alleged to have taken place between units of the R.C.N. and units of the British and United States Navy in September, 1947.

2. According to records at Naval Headquarters, of employment of the Fleet for the period in question, no combined exercises of any kind took place in September, 1947. During that period, the majority of Naval units stationed in the Atlantic were concentrated at Baddeck in the Bras d'Or Lakes where a Fleet regatta was being held. Units not present at that time were carrying out routine training cruises for Naval Reserves, etc.

3. During September, 1947, certain units of the Royal Navy (American and West Indies Squadron) and units of the United States Navy paid courtesy visits to Canadian eastern ports. Other than the normal Naval ceremonial which takes place when foreign warships are met at sea or in harbour, no joint exercises took place with these vessels.

4. However, on other occasions in 1947, and during the winter of 1948, joint exercises did in fact take place between units of the British America and West Indies Station and ships of the United States Navy. These exercises were held in the Caribbean or on the Pacific Coast and although of a routine nature, were graded as Secret and no publicity was made of the matter. Likewise, anti-submarine exercises have taken place both in the Atlantic and Pacific at irregular intervals between Canadian, British and United States Naval units. These exercises have been classified as Secret, although the visits of U.S. and British Submarines to Canadian ports has not been classified.

(signed) C.J. Dillon

NAVAL SECRETARY.

27th September, 1948.

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TO: CANADIAN AMBASSADOR, WASHINGTON.

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TYPED: C.C.Eberts/GM		R.C.N. want to put out Friday afternoon. Quote.	
DIV. Am. & Far E. St.		1. Two-day exercises conducted last week off	
LOCAL TEL. 6435		Halifax, in which eight modern-type submarines of	
APPROVED BY		the U.S. Navy and four ships of the Royal Canadian	
SIG. <i>[Signature]</i>		Navy acted as opposing forces, demonstrated that the	
TYPED: _____		technical advantage lay with the submarines. The	
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YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		that the submarines scored successes comparable to	
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DATE _____		those of a large U.S. Fleet carried out earlier in	
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		Duncan, U.S.N., who was in charge of the American	
		manoeuvres, announced on their completion that the	
		submarines which attacked the fleet "in actual	
		combat would have sunk or seriously defeated our	
		forces."	
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<b>ORIGINATOR</b> SIG. _____ TYPED: _____ DIV. _____ LOCAL TEL. _____	<p>3. The results of last week's exercises emphasized once again the necessity for the stepping up of anti-submarine measures that has been a continuous objective of the R.C.N. for a considerable time and is a regular part of its policy and training system.</p> <p>4. Canadian ships taking part were the Light Fleet Carrier H.M.C.S. "Magnificent", the Destroyers "Nootka" and "Haida", and the Frigate "Swansea".</p> <p>Three Lancaster bombers from the R.C.A.F. base at Greenwood, N.S., and a squadron of Firefly aircraft from the R.C.N. air station at Dartmouth, N.S., also took part, carrying out searches and strikes.</p> <p>5. "Magnificent" was without the two squadrons of aircraft which serve as her striking force, these being temporarily shore based at Dartmouth for training purposes. Unquote.</p>		
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FROM: **THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA**

TO: **CANADIAN EMBASSY, WASHINGTON.**

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TYPED: **C.C.Eberts/GM**

DIV. **Am. & Far East**

LOCAL TEL. **6435**

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## TELETYPE

Following for Rogers from Eberts, begins.  
Reference EX-2645 of November 13th and  
WA-2945 of November 17th regarding R.C.N. press  
release on joint anti-submarine exercises off  
Nova Scotia.

Something has apparently appeared in the  
press indicating that the Canadian ships partic-  
ipating in the exercises suffered disastrous theor-  
etical losses. The R.C.N. is, therefore, most  
anxious to issue Friday afternoon the release given  
in my immediately following teletype. The release  
would appear to be entirely innocuous from the U.S.  
point of view. However, as it does make some  
reference to the results of the exercises, and as  
it is the Canadian section of the P.J.B.D. that  
asked for the issue of the publicity directives  
on Joint Defence matters, the State Department and  
U.S.N. should, presumably, be given a chance to  
approve the draft if Ottawa is not to risk placing  
itself in an embarrassing position.

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I understand that everything is closed in Washington today, but that you are prepared to give Snow of the State Department the text tomorrow morning and endeavour to have him clear it with the U.S.N. promptly by telephone. Your efforts in this connection will, I know, be greatly appreciated here, and I assume that you will be good enough to telephone us at local 6435 as soon as you are able to arrange clearance.

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From THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES

To THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

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CYPHER - TK

WASHINGTON, November 17th, 1948.

WA-2945

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N.I.

WA-2945. Restricted. Your EX-2658 of 16th November concerning the R.C.N. press release on anti-submarine exercises off Nova Scotia.

2. The State Department has verbally conveyed the approval of the United States Navy to the press-release, provided paragraph two is changed to read as follows:

The submarines will be returning to their regularly assigned East Coast bases of operation after participating in United States Atlantic Fleet exercises off Newfoundland.

3. It was pointed out to us in an aside from the State Department that Charleston is in South Carolina.

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I phoned this message  
to Commander Strange,  
Naval Information this  
afternoon.

R. H. Prithi  
17 Nov. 1948.

CANADIAN AMBASSADOR



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TO: **CANADIAN AMBASSADOR, WASHINGTON.**

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## TELETYPE

Following from Johnson for Magann,  
begins.

Reference my message EX-2645, November  
13th, concerning anti-submarine exercises  
between units of the R.C.N. and the U.S.N. off  
the coast of Nova Scotia. I should be grateful  
if a reply could be expedited since we have  
been informed by the Information Division that  
this matter may come up at the Acting Minister's  
press conference on Thursday morning.

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EX-2645  
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Comdr. Strange, R.C.N.  
R. H. Pitt  
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From THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES  
To THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

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NOV 15 1948

WASHINGTON, November 15th, 1948.

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WA-2933

EXTERNAL SECURITY
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WA-2933. Following for Johnson from Magann, Begins:

1. Your EX-2614 of 10th November concerning a press release on behalf of the R.C.N.

2. The State Department informs me that the United States Navy and the United States Air Force consider the release "very fine", except for the last two sentences in paragraph 1 ("on one occasion.. back to their submarines"). It is felt here that these two sentences give away too much information and should, therefore, be deleted. The United States armed forces are quite agreeable to retaining the sentence which precedes this ("United States Air Force officers have a high regard for Canadian air defence"), except that with the two sentences deleted it looks a little funny. If you would like to put it anywhere else, omit it, or keep it, they are quite agreeable. Ends.

CANADIAN AMBASSADOR

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1948 NOV 15 PM 3:03

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COMMUNICATIONS  
SECTION  
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1948 NOV 15 PM 2:27

TO: THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
FROM: THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
SUBJECT: [Illegible]

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# Department of National Defence

Naval Service

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OTTAWA, 13 November, 1948

OUR FILE.....

YOUR FILE.....

Dear Mr. Rae,

I enclose a proposed press release regarding anti-submarine exercises between units of the RCN and the USN scheduled to commence on the 17th of November.

In my opinion there is not the slightest hope of withholding the fact that these exercises will be taking place from the press in Halifax, and it is therefore requested that clearance be arranged with the appropriate US authorities in the most rapid manner possible. There will undoubtedly be garbled accounts of these exercises if we do not make a brief official announcement as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,

WILLIAM STRANGE  
COMMANDER (SB) R.C.N.  
DIRECTOR OF NAVAL INFORMATION

Mr. ~~Sol~~ Rae,  
Information Division,  
Department of External Affairs,  
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Encl.

*Teletype sent 15  
Washington 13 Nov 48  
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1 A United States submarine squadron, comprising eight submarines, will be the object of simulated attacks from the Royal Canadian Navy and the Royal Canadian Air Force on November 17 and 18 off the East Coast of Nova Scotia.

2. The submarines will be returning to Charleston, North Carolina, after participating in U.S. Atlantic Fleet exercises off Newfoundland.

Commodore G.R. Miles, O.B.E., R.C.N., will direct the R.C.N. Task Group against the submarines. The group of attacking ships will include the aircraft carrier H.M.C.S. Magnificent, the destroyers Nootka and Haida and the frigate Swansea.

Carrying out attack exercises against the submarines from the air will be nine firefly aircraft from the 18th Carrier Air Group of the Royal Canadian Navy Air Section, Dartmouth and three R.C.A.F. Lancaster bombers from 103 Search and Rescue Flight, Greenwood, N.S.

3. The naval aircraft will operate from R.C.N.A.S. while the R.C.A.F. bombers will be controlled by 10 Group R.C.A.F., Halifax.

The joint R.C.N.-R.C.A.F. exercises will provide operational experience in combatting submarines.



# TELETYPE MESSAGE

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To: **THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR - WASHINGTON**

From: **THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS - OTTAWA**

Name of Sender D.M. Johnson:mm Authority [Signature]  
(Typewritten) (Signature of person authorizing message)  
Date November 13, 1948 Room No. 133 Bldg.  Local 2991  
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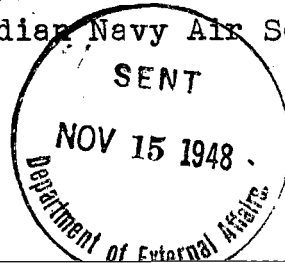
1. The Navy have informed us that anti-submarine exercises between the units of the R.C.N. and the U.S.N. are scheduled to commence November 17. In their opinion there is not the slightest hope of withholding the fact that these exercises will be taking place from the press in Halifax. They would therefore like to issue the press release set out below at the earliest possible time. Would you please see if the U.S. authorities have any objection. The press release would read as follows: Text begins:

A United States submarine squadron, comprising eight submarines, will be the object of simulated attacks from the Royal Canadian Navy and the Royal Canadian Air Force on November 17 and 18 off the East Coast of Nova Scotia.

The submarines will be returning to Charleston, North Caroline, after participating in U.S. Atlantic Fleet exercises off Newfoundland.

Commodore G.R. Miles, O.B.E., R.C.N., will direct the R.C.N. Task Group against the submarines. The group of attacking ships will include the aircraft carrier H.M.C.S. Magnificent, the destroyers Nootka and Haida and the frigate Swansea.

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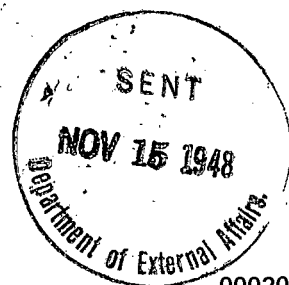
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Dartmouth and three R.C.A.F. Lancaster bombers from 103 Search  
and Rescue Flight, Greenwood, N.S.

The naval aircraft will operate from R.C.N.A.S.  
while the R.C.A.F. bombers will be controlled by 10 Group R.C.A.F.  
Halifax.

The joint R.C.N. - R.C.A.F. exercises will  
provide operational experience in combatting submarines. Text  
ends. Message ends.

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FROM: THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

TO: THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR, WASHINGTON.

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TO: THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR, WASHINGTON

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ORIGINATOR SIG. TYPED: C.C.Eberts:GM DIV. Am. & Far East. LOCAL TEL. 6435	exercise the Task Force in defensive tactics against torpedoes and hunter-killer routine.		
APPROVED BY SIG. TYPED:	Anti-aircraft firing, against small pilotless planes, radio-controlled and large, shore-based, radio-controlled aircraft, has also been carried out in the Cruiser "Ontario", the Destroyers "Cayuga", "Athabaskan", "Crescent", and the Frigate "Antigonish". The Destroyers and the Frigate, have also engaged in anti-submarine practice individually, as a group, and in company with U.S. air and underwater craft.		
IS THIS MESSAGE LIKELY TO BE PUBLISHED YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Defence Minister Brooke Claxton has described the overall Joint Exercises as "The most thorough workout under combat conditions that has been undertaken jointly by the U.S. and Canadian Navies since the war". Unquote.		
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TO: **CANADIAN AMBASSADOR, WASHINGTON.**

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TELETYPE

Following for Magann from Johnson,

begins:

Reference your WA-2823 of October 29 and previous correspondence regarding clearance of R.C.N. releases on the joint U.S.-Canadian naval exercises in the Pacific.

My immediately following teletype gives the text of a further release that the R.C.N. would like to be able to give out as soon as possible to radio stations and the press. It was prepared by Edmund Morris of the Canadian Association of Broadcasters who has been with the Canadian Task Force 213 in the Pacific.

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C.C. Eberts:GM

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Ottawa, November 10, 1948.

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Our File No. 366-G-40

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Att'n: Director of Naval Information


Dear Sir:

I received late yesterday afternoon your letter of November 9, with attached release, regarding Canadian Task Force 213, and enclose a copy of teletype Nos EX-2613, 2614, that we sent to Washington on this subject first thing this morning.

We will let the Director of Naval Information know by telephone just as soon as the draft release has been cleared by the U.S. authorities.

Yours sincerely,

DAVID M. JOHNSON

 Acting Under-Secretary of State  
for External Affairs

Deputy Minister of National Defence,  
Att'n: Director of Naval Information,  
Room 1128, B Building,  
Department of National Defence,  
Ottawa, Canada.



OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY MINISTER  
OTTAWA

N.S.C. 1886-146/36 Vol.1  
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URGENT & CONFIDENTIAL

9th November, 1948

Dear Sir,

I enclose for clearance purposes a copy of a delayed despatch from Canadian Task Force 213 (H.M.C.S. "Ontario"), which is a proposed release for radio broadcast and Canadian Press Wire Release, written by Mr. E. Morris of the Canadian Association of Broadcasters, who is accompanying the Task Force.

I would request that this proposed release be cleared with the United States State Department as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,

(W. Gordon Mills)  
DEPUTY MINISTER

Encl.(1)

The Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs,  
Department of External Affairs,  
East Block,  
O T T A W A.

(Attention: Mr. Saul F. Rae,  
Chief of Information Division)



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Quote

... 50 United States Combat Aircraft from Hawaiian Bases have launched a dummy attack on the 5-ship Task Force in the biggest single Air Exercise of its month-old Pacific Training Cruise. <sup>Seven</sup> more planes controlled by "Ontario" acted as fighter cover for the ships to repel high and low level and dive-bombing attacks. The striking force was more than double that used in an earlier Joint Exercise. <sup>The</sup> Purpose of both was to exercise the ships in air plotting and fighting defence. Radar teams picked up the attacking planes while they were still well out of sight, and directed protecting fighters in counter moves. U.S. Air Force Officers have a high regard for Canadian air defence. On one occasion, the ships jammed radio transmission facilities in a scouting plane sent out to shadow the Task Force for submarine attack. The planes found the target without much difficulty, but had no way of getting the information back to their submarines. <sup>R</sup> The ships have also engaged units of the United States Pacific Submarine Fleet. The undersea craft exercised the Task Force in defensive tactics against torpedoes and hunter-killer routine. <sup>R</sup> Anti-aircraft firing, against small pilotless planes, radio-controlled and large, shore-based, radio-controlled aircraft, has also been carried out in the Cruiser "Ontario", the Destroyers "Cayuga", "Athabaskan", "Crescent", and the Frigate "Antigonish". The Destroyers and the Frigate, have also engaged in <sup>Anti-</sup>submarine practice individually, as a group, and in company with U.S. air and underwater craft. Defence Minister Brooke Claxton has described the overall Joint Exercises as "The most thorough

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From THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES  
To THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

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WA-2823

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THE MINISTER OF

WASHINGTON, October 29, 1948.

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*Refer to Cdr. Frange*  
*of RCR HQ*  
*cc/Am7 in*

WA-2823. Following for Johnson from Magann, Begins:

N.Y. Your EX-2504 of October 28th, R.C.N. release on naval manoeuvres in the Pacific.

Snow of State Department has telephoned to say clearance has been granted for Morris' report. Ends.

CANADIAN AMBASSADOR

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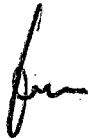
Dear Commander Strange,

Attached herewith is copy of teletype WA-2803 of to-day's date from the Embassy in Washington, regarding the proposed release for broadcast of Edmund Morris' report from Hawaii on the U.S.-Canadian Naval manoeuvres.

I am returning herewith the teletype from Esquimalt that you were good enough to lend me and am also enclosing a copy of the text that we have telegraphed to the Embassy this afternoon for clearance with the U.S. authorities in accordance with the terms of the Publicity Directives on joint defence matters. Also enclosed for your information is a copy of teletype EX-2504, that we sent to the Embassy this afternoon explaining the purpose of the proposed release. We will, of course, let you know just as soon as we receive a reply from Washington.

Yours sincerely,

DAVID M. JOHNSON

 Acting Under-Secretary of State  
for External Affairs.

Commander H.E. Strange, O.B.E.,  
Director of Public Relations,  
Royal Canadian Navy,  
Room 1128, "B" Building,  
O T T A W A.

# TELETYPE MESSAGE

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To: THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR - WASHINGTON

From: THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS - OTTAWA

Name of Sender: C. Eberts: LO Authority: *Am Johnson*  
(Typewritten) (Signature of person authorizing message)

Date: October 28/48 Room No. 131 Bldg. East Block Local 6435

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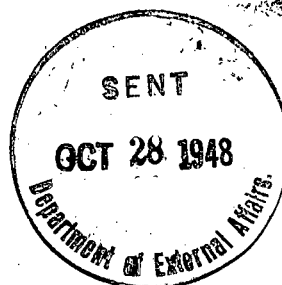
Following is the text of the R.C.N.'s

draft release:

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Communications Section please quote here  
the full text of the attached release.

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COMMUNICATIONS  
SECTION  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
1948 OCT 28 PM 5:00



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~~Text of a Radio Broadcast which the Canadian Navy  
would like to make within a day or two.~~

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Yesterday was United States Navy Day.

Admiral Louis Denfeld, Chief of U.S. Naval Operations, said in a special message: "Rapid strides in technological development have tremendously increased the mobility, striking power and versatility of the U.S. Navy's ships, planes and submarines."

While our ships joined with the Americans in holding "open house" at Pearl Harbor, well over a thousand Canadian Officers and men had the unique opportunity to see for themselves what Admiral Denfeld meant. What they saw was an illuminating spectacle.

The Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard is one of the most complete in the world. Stricken by Japanese torpedo-plane and dive-bomber attack on December 7, 1941, it revived quickly and completely. Throughout the war it serviced a tremendous variety of Naval needs. Reduced from its wartime peak, it is still today an almost self-sufficient repair depot and base.

After the Japanese attack, many facilities were dispersed throughout the Pearl Harbor area. Repair shops, foundries, rigging and galvanizing shops, tool room, steel, paint and oil stores, power plants, ordnance, machine, boiler makers, ship fitters and electrical shops, administration buildings, cafeterias and barracks, make up just part of the complex shipyard that serves U.S. Navy ships throughout the Pacific. Three parts of the large-scale operation, in particular, impressed the visiting Canadians. One was the standardization of much U.S. Navy equipment: Cruisers, destroyers and submarines, for example, all use their own identical propellers - there is no need to immobilize them for repair. Valves, and other intricate parts are standardized.

The Canadian Navy is reportedly working towards some degree of standardization. Until recently, there was occasional difficulty whenever British-built ships had to be repaired. Metallurgical parts, for example, ~~the~~ differences from the usual North American equipment.

In wartime, our countries used the most accessible equipment and repairs to make ships seaworthy. Now we are working towards some degree of ultimate standardization of our machinery and equipment.

In another part of the Pearl Harbor yard, the Canadians saw a complete photo-plastic unit at work, manufacturing plotting scales, speed rulers, bombardment fans, range plots, tactical templates and compass rosettes right in the shop where repair work is done.

In another section, native-grown Hawaiian rubber is moulded into all manner of equipment designs, again in the same shop where repair work goes on.

Most of the working force in the shipyard comes from native labor. Hawaiians have the reputation of being excellent skilled workers, and they have a remarkable safety record. The United States National Safety Council's Annual Award for the safest such establishment operated by either ~~the~~ U.S. Armed Services or private industry went this year to the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard.

Its accident frequency rate is two time-loss mishaps per million man hours worked. At this rate, one man could work two hundred and fifty years before his first time-loss accident. This is a remarkable record for a yard that employs six thousand civilian workers, who put in nearly a million man/hours a month.

Tomorrow, the five ship Canadian Force, the Cruiser "Ontario", the destroyers "Athabaskan", "Cayuga" and "Crescent", and the frigate "Antigonish", continues its exercises in Hawaiian waters. The men are still looking for more mail from home. It should be addressed to them by name, rank and ship,

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care of the Fleet Mail Office, Esquimalt, British  
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From: **THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS - OTTAWA**

Name of Sender C. Eberts:LO Authority *Don Johnson*  
(Typewritten) (Signature of person authorizing message)

Date October 28/48 Room No. 131 Bldg. East Block Local 6435

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File No. 366-G-40

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No. EX. 2504

## IMPORTANT

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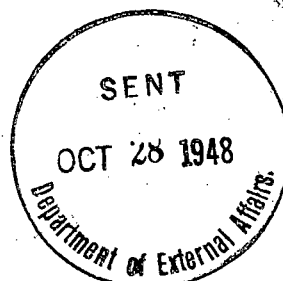
Your teletype <sup>WA</sup> ~~No.~~ 2803 of October 28 regarding release received by Assistant Naval Attache on U.S.-Canadian Naval Manouvers in the Pacific.

We have now received a copy of this release which is a report from Edmund Morris, a Canadian Journalist who is with the Canadian ships in the Pacific. The desire is to distribute the release as soon as possible for use primarily by Canadian Radio Stations, but also by the Press if they are interested.

I appreciate the difficulty of obtaining clearance of releases in a matter of hours, but perhaps it would help in this case if you pointed out to Snow of the State Department, that the message in which the R.C.N. received the draft release from the Pacific was prefaced by the words "Following release cleared for Naval Security".

The text of the release is given in my immediately following teletype.

ENDS.



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**To** THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

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WASHINGTON, October 28, 1948.

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WA-2803. Following for Johnson from Magann, Begins:

The Assistant Naval Attache here has received a draft press release from the Canadian Navy with the request that he clear it with the United States Navy. We have drawn his attention to the directive of 1st April, 1948, and have suggested that the draft be cleared through you in the normal manner. I think that it would be disastrous at the present time to allow anything to happen which would prejudice our case in complaining of breaches of security on the part of the United States forces. I am sending you this warning in case the Canadian Navy sends the draft release to the Information Section. Ends.

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Ottawa, October 25, 1948.

No. 3471

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your teletype  
✓ WA-2753 of October 22, 1948, and my teletype No.  
✓ 2460 of October 23, concerning the Canadian Naval  
press release on the United States - Canadian Naval  
manoeuvres in the Pacific.

I attach, for your information, three copies  
of the Navy press release which was given to the  
press at noon today. You may wish to pass a copy  
to the State Department for their information.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*"David M. Johnson"*

*for the* Acting Secretary of State  
for External Affairs.

The Canadian Ambassador,  
Canadian Embassy,  
Washington, D.C.

# TELETYPE

From THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES

To THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

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WASHINGTON, October 21st, 1948.

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WA-2747. Following for Johnson from Magann, Begins:

1. Your EX-2408 of 18th October concerning a press release by the R.C.N. on the Pacific manoeuvres.

2. I wrote to Mr. Snow on the 19th, having given him warning by telephone to be ready for the letter, and he at once took steps to try to clear the release with the United States Navy and the U.S.A.F. I have been informed that it has bogged down in the United States Navy, where an Admiral of high rank has expressed the opinion that there was too much detail in the release to be altogether secure. Another Admiral of lower rank has, therefore, undertaken to re-draft the press release to see if he can produce an alternative version which would be agreeable to both countries. As soon as I can obtain that draft I shall transmit it to you by teletype. Ends.

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7. This information  
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Cdr Strange. 7/10/48  
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# ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

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P.A., 25.10.48

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NOT FOR RADIO BROADCAST BEFORE 12 NOON OCT. 25/48  
RELEASE DATE: 12 NOON, MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1948

OTTAWA -- Joint exercises are being held with United States Naval and Air forces by the five-ship task force of the Royal Canadian Navy now at Pearl Harbour, the Hon. Brooke Claxton, Minister of National Defence, announced today.

These constitute the most thorough work-out under combat conditions that has been undertaken jointly by the U.S. and Canadian Navies since the war. The exercises will take in defence against submarine, torpedo and air attack; bombardment firing, evasion tactics and control of air strikes.

On Sunday, October 17, the Canadian ships became an "enemy" fleet and were located and shadowed by planes of the U.S. Air Force. The exercises included an operation in which six U.S. submarines were to locate and "attack" the Canadian cruiser "Ontario", her screening destroyers, "Cayuga", "Athabaskan", and "Crescent", and the frigate "Antigonish". The Canadian ships' defences were supplemented by U.S. combat aircraft, organized and controlled by "Ontario".

Prior to the ships' arrival at Pearl Harbour the following Tuesday, they were subjected to a dawn "attack" by U.S.A.F. aircraft, while U.S. Navy planes provided them with air cover.

An intensive program of exercises has been arranged for the Canadian craft during the 16 days they are at Pearl Harbour. All ships will carry out aircraft tracking, anti-aircraft firing and torpedo firing.

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FROM DIRECTOR OF NAVAL INFORMATION—OTTAWA

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"Ontario" is also scheduled to do bombardment firing and to exercise in defensive tactics against torpedoes and air attack. The three destroyers and the frigate comprising the Second Canadian Destroyer Division will engage in anti-submarine practice -- individually, as a group and in company with U.S. anti-submarine forces.

In order that personnel of the Canadian ships may become better acquainted with American tactics and methods, arrangements have been made for officers and men to go to sea in U.S. submarines and escort vessels.

On leaving Pearl Harbour on November 5, the Canadian force will once more be "attacked" by submarines and will have a U.S. combat air patrol to assist in offensive operations against the undersea craft.

The following day American aircraft will carry out shadowing tactics.

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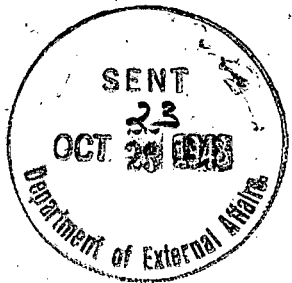
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Sub. Can. Naval Press release

✓ Your WA-2753 regarding Canadian Naval

on the U.S.-Canadian Naval manoeuvres in the Pacific.

The R.C.N. have accepted the amendments suggested by the U.S.N. and plan to issue their release at noon on Monday. I should add that as some of the events referred to in the release are now taking place, the R.C.N. are making very minor amendments in their text which do not go beyond changing the future tense in a few cases to the past and present tenses.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.



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WASHINGTON, October 22nd, 1948.

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WA-2753. Following for Johnson from Magann, Begins:

on jacket 5

5 1. My WA-2747 of 21st October concerning a press release  
by the RCN on their Pacific manoeuvres.

2. At 9:45 this morning we received a telephone call from the Department of State saying that the issuance of the release had been approved subject to the revision of the first paragraph, to read as follows:

"Joint exercises are to be held by Canadian and United States forces during the next three weeks by the five-ship task force of the Royal Canadian Navy now en route to Pearl Harbour and United States Naval and Air Forces the Honourable Brooke Claxton, Minister of National Defence, announced today."

3. The United States armed forces do not desire to issue a simultaneous release, but they have asked that you let us know as soon as possible at what time and on what day the release will be made in order that it may be sent to the appropriate military authorities at Pearl Harbour. Ends.

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Following for Magann from Johnson, Begins: **4**

1. Reference my teletype No. EX-2349 of October 7 regarding press release issued by Royal Canadian Navy. The R.C.N. wish to issue a press release giving more details about the joint exercises with ships of the U.S. Navy in the Pacific. The text of the proposed release is as follows, Text Begins:

The largest joint exercises yet to be held by Canadian and United States naval forces will be carried out during the next three weeks by the five-ship task force of the Royal Canadian Navy now en route to Pearl Harbour and U.S. air surface and undersea forces the Hon. Brooke Claxton, Minister of National Defence, announced today.

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The following day U.S. aircraft will carry out shadowing tactics. Text Ends.

2. The draft release set out above has been approved by the Minister of National Defence and the Canadian Naval authorities. The Minister of National Defence would be glad to issue it alone or if the U.S. authorities would prefer the release could be issued as a joint release, ~~in both capitals~~.

3. I am sorry we have not been able to give you more notice about this release. I only received it this morning and the Navy would like it to be released in time to appear in tomorrow morning or tomorrow afternoon papers. I doubt whether it would be possible for you to clear it, <sup>to-day</sup> Do you think, however, that we could have some word from you by noon tomorrow. Ends.

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1. On October 17, 1940, the following information was received from the  
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Department of National Defence  
Naval Service

Ottawa, Canada.

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18th October, 1948

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS RECORDS
File No. 366-G-40
Sub. <u>L. Giron</u> <u>Filed</u>

Dear Sir:

As arranged on Saturday last, 16th October, I send you herewith a copy of the proposed press release regarding joint exercises with ships of the United States Navy in the Pacific.

This release in its present form has been approved both by Canadian Naval authorities and the Minister of National Defence. As the exercises have, in fact, already commenced it is most desirable that the release should be made as soon as possible. It could be made either as a joint release by the two Governments concerned, or as a unilateral release by the Minister of National Defence in Canada, whichever is considered more desirable.

Yours very truly,

WILLIAM STRANGE  
COMMANDER (SB) R. C. N.  
DIRECTOR OF NAVAL INFORMATION

David Johnson Esq.,  
Dept. of External Affairs,  
Post Office Bldg.,  
Elgin and Sparks Street,  
OTTAWA, Ontario.

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DRAFT PRESS RELEASE

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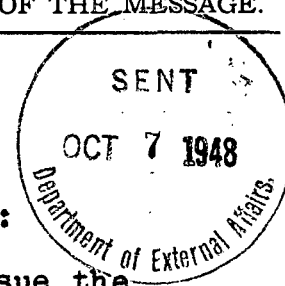
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Following for Magann from Johnson, Begins:

The Royal Canadian Navy are anxious to issue the following press release. Message Begins:

Ottawa -- The number of ships comprising the Royal Canadian Navy training force that will sail October 11 on a one-month cruise to Pearl Harbour has been increased to five with the addition of the Tribal class destroyer H.M.C.S. "Cayuga" it was announced today at Naval Headquarters.

Destroyer Divisional Commander, West Coast in "Cayuga" will be Commander Owen C.S. Robertson, G.M., R.D., R.C.N., of Victoria and Montreal.

The largest group of Canadian warships to put to sea in company since the end of the war will be headed by the cruiser "Ontario" under the command of Captain James C. Hibbard, D.S.C. and Bar, R.C.N., of Victoria and Hemison, P.Q. Other ships in the force will be the destroyers "Athabaskan" and "Crescent" and the frigate "Antigonish."

The group will arrive at Pearl Harbour October 19 and will commence the return voyage November 5th. While in the Hawaiian area, the Canadian ships will exercise with units of the United States Pacific fleet. Message ends.

2. The R.C.N. would like to arrange for the release of this statement before the ships sail. I should be grateful if you would see if the appropriate U.S. authorities have any objection.

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The last sentence of the release is probably the sentence in which the U.S. authorities will be most interested. I should add that there has been an earlier press release to the effect that ships of the R.C.N. will visit Pearl Harbour. As the ships are sailing on Monday, the 11th, we should endeavour to have this press release appear in Saturday morning's paper. Ends.

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Consular Division  
File: 9225-40  
October 6, 1948

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. R. MENZIES  
INFORMATION DIVISION

I am sending you file 9225-40 on which is a letter of September 28 from the Director of Naval Information concerning the visit of a Canadian Training force to Pearl Harbor.

Will you take the necessary action with regard to the proposed Press Release.

I am also sending you files 366-A-40C and 366-B-40C which may be of assistance to you. The approved policy on publicity in respect of such visits, is flagged (red) on the former file (366-A-40C).

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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE  
NAVAL SERVICE

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28th September, 1948

Our file N.S. 1880-147

Dear Sir:

I attach hereto a copy of our draft Press Release No. 1022 H.Q. dealing with the forthcoming cruise of certain H.M.C. Ships to Pearl Harbour and containing a very short statement to the effect that these ships will exercise with units of the United States Pacific Fleet.

It is requested that the necessary clearance may be obtained from the Department of External Affairs and from the appropriate U.S. authorities, and that a mutually convenient date be set for simultaneous release of this information in both Canada and the United States.

If you will be kind enough to advise the undersigned as soon as clearance has been obtained, or whether amendments are suggested, and also of the proposed release date, the necessary steps will be taken to make the release for Canada from Naval Headquarters.

Yours truly,

(Sgd) William Strange  
Commander (SB) R.C.N.  
Director of Naval Information

Mr. Saul Rae,  
Department of External Affairs  
Information Division,  
Post Office Bldg.,  
Elgin and Sparks Street,  
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8 Oct. - Telephoned Commander Strange to tell him that Washington had no objection to the release.  
D. J. [Signature]

1022 H.Q.

• OTTAWA -- The number of ships comprising the Royal Canadian Navy training force that will sail October 11 on a one-month cruise to Pearl Harbour has been increased to five with the addition of the Tribal class destroyer H.M.C.S. "Cayuga," it was announced today at Naval Headquarters.

Destroyer Divisional Commander, West Coast in "Cayuga" will be Commander Owen C. S. Robertson, G.M., R.D., R.C.N., of Victoria and Montreal.

The largest group of Canadian warships to put to sea in company since the end of the war will be headed by the cruiser "Ontario", under the command of Captain James C. Hibbard, D.S.C. and Bar, R.C.N., of Victoria and Hemison, P.Q. Other ships in the force will be the destroyers "Athabaskan" and "Crescent" and the frigate "Antigonish."

The group will arrive at Pearl Harbour October 19 and will commence the return voyage November 5th. While in the Hawaiian area, the Canadian ships will exercise with units of the United States Pacific fleet.



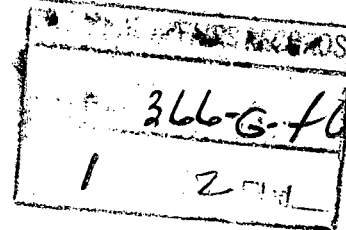
# Department of National Defence

Ottawa, Canada,

QUOTE NO. N.S.S. 4903-4 (Staff)

CONFIDENTIAL

27th September, 1948.



Dear Sir:

With reference to N.S.S. 4903-4 (Staff) dated 31st August, 1948, regarding the intended cruise to Pearl Harbour of His Majesty's Canadian Ships. It has been found necessary to readjust the dates of the programme, the following is now the revised schedule:-

Depart - Esquimalt - 11th October

Arrive - Pearl Harbour - 19th October

Depart - Pearl Harbour - 5th November

Arrive - Esquimalt - 13th November

2. The Canadian Ambassador Washington has been advised of this change in dates by the Canadian Naval Attache, who has also been instructed to inform the British Consular Authorities concerned.

Yours truly,

(W. Gordon Mills)  
DEPUTY MINISTER

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Under-Secretary of State for  
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13th September, 1948.

Dear Sir:

With reference to N.S.S. 4903-4 (Staff) dated 31st August, 1948, regarding the intended cruise to Pearl Harbour of His Majesty's Canadian Ships. It has now been decided to include H.M.C.S. "CAYUGA" in this cruise.

2. The Canadian Ambassador Washington has been advised of the inclusion of this additional ship through the Canadian Naval Attache, who has also been instructed to inform the British Consular Authorities concerned.

Yours truly;

*Paul W. Mills*  
(W. Gordon Mills)  
DEPUTY MINISTER

Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs,  
East Block,  
OTTAWA, Ontario.

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MEMORANDUM TO MR. O'BRIEN - CONSULAR DIVISION

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Attached herewith is a letter of August 31st, from the Navy reporting that arrangements have been made for a visit to Pearl Harbour. Neither Mr. Menzies nor I see any objection to the visit. I take it from the Navy's letter that there is no further action that needs to be taken by your Division and the Navy have merely written us a letter about the whole subject in preference to sending us copies of their communications to Washington on the subject. (You will remember that, under the procedure worked out and agreed to by the Navy, all visits to U.S. ports were to be arranged under the local notification procedure, with the Navy sending Mr. Wrong, through their Washington Attaché, full information about the visit and any appropriate requests for the arranging of publicity or Consular assistance.)

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J.P. ERICHSEN  
28.8.48*

American and Far Eastern Division.

*See revised memo of  
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*Smythe says  
"Pearl Harbour" is  
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this case.  
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# Department of National Defence

Ottawa, Canada,

QUOTE NO. N.S.S. 4903-4 (Staff)

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31st August, 1948.	

Dear Sir:

The Royal Canadian Navy is at present planning a cruise to Pearl Harbour involving His Majesty's Canadian Ships "ONTARIO", "ATHABASKAN", "CRESCENT" and "ANTIGONISH". The following programme has been worked out with the approval of the United States Naval Authorities. Departing Esquimalt 11th October, arriving Pearl Harbour 19th October for exercises with units of United States Pacific Fleet in the Hawaiian Area, departing Pearl Harbour 2nd November, arriving Esquimalt 10th November.

2. Arrangements for the visit to Pearl Harbour and supply of fuel are being made direct between the Flag Officer Pacific Coast and the Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

3. The Canadian Ambassador Washington has been advised of this proposed cruise through the Canadian Naval Attache who has also been instructed to inform the British Consular Authorities concerned.

Yours truly,

(W. Gordon Mills)  
DEPUTY MINISTER

Under-Secretary of State for  
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East Block,  
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Navy member reported that satisfactory progress was being made

in anti-submarine warfare training by Canadian-United States forces.

He recommended that a single agency of the Canadian Government be

designated and authorized to act directly with the U.S. Navy fleet

commanders in chief in regard to such training. The Canadian Navy

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16. U.S. Submarine Training with Canadian Surface and

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Air Forces. With reference to Paragraph No. 14 of the Journal of the Board's meeting of May 21-22, 1947, Rear Admiral Houghton informed the Board of details concerning the training and exercises carried out by U.S. submarines and HMC ships as well as of plans for future training and exercises. (CONFIDENTIAL).

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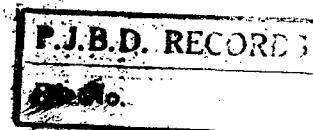
member suggested that Naval Headquarters, Ottawa, would be the most appropriate agency and it was agreed that a satisfactory arrangement could be made along these lines. A similar arrangement would be made in regard to amphibious training.

23. (CONFIDENTIAL) Anti-Submarine Warfare Training. With reference to Paragraph No. 14 of the Journal of the Board's meeting of November 20-21, 1947, the Naval members reported concerning the several Canadian-U.S. operations relating to anti-submarine exercises which have taken place since June 1947 in the vicinity of Grand Manan Island, the New London-Newport area, Key West, Esquimalt and the Seattle area.

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Department of National Defence  
Naval Service



Ottawa, Canada.

OUR FILE N.S. 4903-736 (A.C.N.S.)

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YOUR FILE

17th July, 1947.

*Dear Rae,*

As I think you are aware, the R.C.N. has now arranged for two of our destroyers to carry out certain combined exercises with U.S. destroyers and submarines between the 1st and 10th August.

2. No publicity in this connection is intended, unless this becomes necessary owing to enquiries from the Press, in which case it is intended to issue a brief press release. The proposed wording of this release is attached hereto, and has received the approval of the Minister of National Defence.

3. It is understood that you will communicate now with the appropriate U.S. Authorities to obtain their concurrence should a release prove necessary.

Yours sincerely,

*F. L. Houghton*

(F. L. Houghton)  
Commodore, R.C.N.,  
ASSISTANT CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF

Saul F. Rae, Esq.,  
Department of External Affairs,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

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DRAFT PRESS RELEASE

As previously announced, the Canadian Tribal Class Vessels "NOOTKA" and "HAIDA" will pay an informal call on the American port in August, and if the opportunity for training exercises with United States craft can be arranged, it will be between August 1st and 10th. Following a proposed three day visit to New London, the Canadian ships will continue on their six weeks' cruise, the climax of which is to be a fleet regatta in Baddeck, Cape Breton Island.

The two ships sail from Halifax July 17th.

14.

Admiral Jones reported, with reference to a previous inquiry from the Canadian Naval Member, that the United States Navy would be interested in having submarines take part in antisubmarine exercises with Canadian surface and air forces. One submarine could be made available about every three months for a week or ten days at a time. It was agreed that there should be training of Canadian personnel at one of the U.S. Navy antisubmarine warfare schools, such as Key West. Air Vice Marshal Curtis said that inasmuch as the U.S. Naval Aviation officers were given this training it would be desirable for RCAF officers to have it also. It was agreed that detailed arrangements would be worked out by the services concerned.

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