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From: OTTAWA
 To: MOSCOW
 No: 495-498

2 August 1944

Part I

[75 groups unrecoverable]

military planes were sent via

[38 groups unrecovered]

Lend-Lease, [1 group unidentified and 5 groups unrecoverable] since the adoption of the aid policy, i.e. since October 1941. Of this number about half went to Russia via Edmonton, [13 groups unrecovered] United States) [43 groups unrecovered] (Alaska) [57 groups unrecovered] 50-mile hop [59 groups unrecovered]

Part II

[10 groups unrecovered and
 65 groups unrecoverable]

Whitehorse(Yukon), and during 1941

[17 groups unrecovered]

and radio-[1 group unidentified].

When Japan struck the blow at Pearl Harbor and the northern [7 groups unrecoverable] from the USSR was immediately made available for American planes returning to Alaska and Aleutians. Today this north-

[46 groups unrecoverable]

link in [1 group unidentified].

The government [6 groups unrecovered] - Whitehorse [3 groups unrecovered] vitally important links in the worldwide [63 groups unrecovered and 12 groups unrecoverable]

Part III

Since 14 September [3 groups unrecovered] planes with red stars

[53 groups unrecoverable]

, pilot [1 group unidentified] planes from Alaska to the Russian front. [1 group unidentified] these [3 groups unidentified or garbled] do not work in our town, although

[132 groups unrecovered or unrecoverable]

Part IV

In connection with this, today [I]

[65 groups unrecoverable]

information cannot be published in the press. [7 groups unrecovered] by [1 group unrecovered] of July 1 [2 groups unrecovered] Robertson[i] of the fact that the Soviet government [is considering?]

[51 groups not available]

enemy and may [5 groups unidentified] allies. At the time of [1 group unidentified] Robertson promised that no article will be published in the Canadian press if it is not published in the press of the USA. No, Robertson, told me in our last conversation that he will [CI maintain] contact with WASHINGTON on this matter and if [there is?] any news he [will tell?] me about

[must not be?] published in Canada if it has not been printed in the newspapers of the USA.

Part IV

[1 group unidentified] Americans [2 groups unidentified] the newspapers information about deliveries of planes to the USSR via Alaska, [2 groups unidentified] done with the permission of [1 group unidentified] of the USA, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Canada [felt?] that [1 group unidentified] publication of this information in the Canadian press already [2 groups unidentified]. Therefore, Robertson said to me, it is not the Canadians the are guilty of disclosing military secrets, but the Americans. I told Robertson that not [1 group unidentified] with him [1 group unidentified] agreement made between the USA and

[71 groups unrecoverable]

. Robertson said that if

[18 groups unrecovered]

ensorship in Canada, then he would be glad to give such instructions

[27 groups unrecoverable, including signature]

Notes:

[i] Norman Aleksander ROBERTSON, Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs.

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