

, September 17, 1952.

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My dear Colleague:

During recent months, I have not been completely satisfied with the progress that is being made at A. V. Roe. I feel that this position might be improved if the concerted efforts of both our departments and the management of A. V. Roe were applied to the various problems that exist at Malton.

Consequently, I have asked Mr. Brophy to set up immediately a panel that might meet regularly in order to attack these problems. I have suggested that Mr. G. M. Grant, Co-ordinator of our Production Branch and currently Acting Director of our Aircraft Division, be appointed Chairman of the panel. This department will also provide a permanent Secretary. Mr. Gordon, President of A. V. Roe Limited, will be invited to join the panel, and I hope that we might have senior representation from your department.

I have asked Mr. Brophy to discuss the formation of this panel with your Deputy Minister.

Yours sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY  
C. D. HOWE

The Honourable Brooke Claxton,  
Minister,  
Department of National Defence,  
Ottawa, Canada.

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MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

Ottawa, September 19, 1952.

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Right Honourable C.D. Howe, P.C., M.P.,  
Minister of Defence Production,  
Ottawa.

My dear Colleague:

Thank you very much for your letter  
of September 17 about the situation at A.V. Roe.

Of course we will be glad to co-operate  
in every way to expedite production. The step  
you have suggested will, I hope, produce definite  
results.

Yours sincerely,

*Arthur Meighen*

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