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The Hinister (Through Deputy minister)

Arrow Cancellation - Disposal of Material

- In your approval to my recommendation of

 13 harch 1959 on courses of action to be taken in respect
 to disposal of material arising out of the cancellation of
 the Arrow, you desired to be informed before final action
 was taken on the method of disposal being considered for
 the disposition of the airframes and the Iroquois engines.
- 2 Two methods may be followed:
 - (a) Declaring as surplus materiel to Crown Assots
 Disposal agency. This course is not recommended for the reason that this agency has
 the prerogative of selling this materiel in
 its original state. This course could lead
 to subsequent embarrassment, that is, airframe and engine could conceivably be placed
 on public view or even, in fact, used as a
 roadside stand. This, I am sure, you will
 agree is most undesirable.
 - (b) Relinquishing any DND interest in the airframes and engines to DDP for ultimate disposal by that agency. In this case DDP can reduce it to scrap. This course is recommended.

3 I would appreciate being advised whether you concur in the method recommended.

cc: Deputy Minister

Mir Marshal Chief of the Air Staff.

The infamous recommendation to reduce the Arrows to scrap originated with Hugh Campbell, Chief of the Air Staff. It did not come from John Diefenbaker as has been alleged for thirty-three years. He probably never saw it. [DIRECTORATE