

## Reader sees Avro Arrow conspiracy

Re "Movie blurs line between fact, fiction: Diefenbaker told one version of Arrow tale, CBC film another," Bob Bergen, Herald, Jan. 20.

John Diefenbaker probably did not order the destruction of the Avro Arrow and its plans. Unfortunately, we do not know who did. He was the man in charge at the time, so until we find the name of the guilty party, he shoulders the blame — if there is blame to be laid.

The plane was not quite as good as the "Arrow heads" would have us think. However, the published performance numbers are very good.

The project was cancelled; but why was the project destroyed? This was an unconscionable act. Until 1989, I thought that this was just another blunder by the political powers. Then Brian Mulroney had the cabinet documents resealed.

I can think of plenty of good reasons that the cabinet might want the documents sealed until all of the principals were gone; but what possible reason could necessitate that the entire electorate be replaced before the documents are made public?

Some form of international intrigue? Anything domestic would be shrugged off. But a secret deal with, say, the United States, would still cause problems.

Too bad. Get this into the light.

There is another 30-year anniversary coming up. On Nov. 2, 1971, the Bras d'Or project was cancelled. Let's strive to have both sets of documents unsealed and made public on Nov. 2, 2001.

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