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Ottawa, 17th October 1917.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY
THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL -

The Undersigned has the honour to report that on August 3rd the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty notified the Deputy Chief Censor to the effect that after consultation between the Admiralty, the War Office and the Post Office, it had been decided to suspend the Trans-Atlantic Wireless Service between Clifton, Ireland, and Glace Bay, N.S., commencing August 4th.

They stated that this measure was necessary in view of the possibility of the movements of transports and convoys being disclosed by apparently innocent commercial messages. The United States Government have expressed fear that such messages were being sent.

The Canadian Marconi Company were notified in accordance with this decision and the Glace Bay Station was closed and dismantled, and the expert operators transferred elsewhere or dismissed. It appeared to my Department that if in case of urgency it proved necessary to re-open the Trans-Atlantic Wireless Service, it would be impossible to do so on short notice unless the Station were kept in readiness and

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a certain number of the trained personnel were immediately available. These measures would not prove effective unless similar steps were taken at the Clifton Station in Ireland.

The matter was taken up with the British Post Office and on September 19th the Admiralty cabled advising that they had made arrangements with the British Marconi Company to maintain the Clifton Station in readiness for operation, the Admiralty to re-imburse the Company "out of pocket" expenses incurred.

The Admiralty recommended that similar action be taken by the Department of the Naval Service in connection with the Glace Bay and Louisburg Stations. After negotiations the Canadian Marconi Company has agreed to re-open the combined Glace Bay-Louisburg Stations, to place the same in readiness for operation and maintain the staff adequate for this purpose, the Department to re-imburse the Company the salaries of the staff and other "out of pocket" expenses, including necessary maintenance charges, plus 10% to cover administration and overhead charges. The estimated cost of thus maintaining the station is approximately Thirty-Six Hundred Dollars (\$3600.) per month.

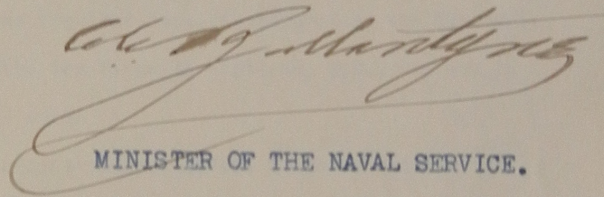
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partment report that the above arrangement is a reasonable one and recommend that it be accepted.

The Undersigned concurring in the report of his Technical Officers has the honour to recommend that an agreement be made with the Canadian Marconi Company on the terms outlined above.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.


MINISTER OF THE NAVAL SERVICE.

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