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PART I.—THE ARMED SERVICES AND DEFENCE RESEARCH*

Section 1.—The Department of National Defence

The Minister of National Defence exercises control over, and management of, the Canadian Armed Forces, the Defence Research Board and other matters relating to national defence. Under his direction, the Armed Forces are commanded by their respective Chiefs of Staff and the Defence Research Board has its Chairman. A Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee, appointed in 1951, is responsible for the co-ordination of the training and operations of the Canadian Armed Forces.

The civilian administrative organization, headed by the Deputy Minister, is constituted on a functional basis. The Deputy Minister maintains a continuing review and control over the financial aspects of operational policy, logistics and personnel, and administration. The Deputy Minister is assisted by two Associate Deputy Ministers, one of whom is stationed in the United Kingdom handling departmental problems arising out of Canada's NATO commitments in Europe. There are also three Assistant Deputy Ministers directing the financial, supply, and administrative and personnel divisions, respectively, of the Deputy Minister's Office. Directly responsible to the Deputy Minister are the Controller General of Inspection Services, the Chief Secretary, the Judge Advocate General and, where staff matters are concerned, the Director of Public Relations.

A number of committees within the Department meet at regular intervals to consider and advise on joint issues. These include:—

(1) Defence Council.—Composed of the Minister of National Defence (Chairman), the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister, the Deputy Minister, the Chairman, Chiefs of Staff, the three Chiefs of Staff and the Chairman of the Defence Research Board, its purpose is to advise the Minister on administrative matters.

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