

MINUTE SHEET.

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Mr. Hoyer Millar.

May I suggest a slight re-wording of the last paragraph of this letter as follows:-

"As regards the delivery of military aircraft which have been ordered in this country by H.M.G., provisional arrangements have been made by the manufacturers, after consultation with the A.A. and with the consent of the State Department and the Canadian authorities concerned, whereby the aircraft are flown to Sweetgrass, Montana. ^{for delivery to Canadian pilots} Here there is a vast natural landing ground adjoining the frontier, and it stretches into Canadian territory at Coutts, Alberta. On landing at Sweetgrass, the engines of the aircraft are stopped. The planes are then hauled across an imaginary frontier line on to Canadian soil, where they are handed over to Canadian pilots and flown away. This arrangement appears reasonably satisfactory for a considerable part of the year, but now that heavy snow has fallen in the district, which is at an altitude of 3500 feet, conditions are not so favourable. The principle of this procedure is, however, to be adopted at another frontier point, ^{yet} ~~it~~ to be selected, and a similar procedure will also be followed in the case of flying boats, which will be taken out to sea and handed over to Canadian pilots beyond the three-mile limit".

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