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Major-General the Right Honourable the Earl of Athlone, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, a Member of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Grand Master of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order, Companion of the Distinguished Service Order, one of His Majesty's Personal Aides-de-Camp.

GOVERNOR GENERAL AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF
OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA

Report of a Committee of the Privy Council ON MATTERS
OF STATE.

PRESENT

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The Proceedings of a Meeting of the Committee
of the Privy Council held on the thirteenth day of
January, 1942, contained in this Report, comprising
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are submitted for Your Excellency's approval.

Government House,
Ottawa.

Approved
Athlone.
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The Committee of the Privy Council have had before them a report, dated 13th January, 1942, from the Minister of Fisheries, representing that the defence and security of Canada has made necessary the immobilization of fishing vessels owned by people of Japanese origin and operated in British Columbia waters;

That some 1,100 boats and their equipment, having a value of between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000, are involved, of which about 950 are impounded near New Westminster and the remainder at Prince Rupert and other ports;

That the owners of these vessels, though being of Japanese origin, are Canadian citizens whose productive power, by virtue of this ownership, contributed significantly to the fishing industry;

That a conference has been held between the Standing Committee on Orientals in British Columbia and the interested government departments, at which it was considered that the war needs of Great Britain and the Allies make it imperative that the production of the British Columbian fishing industry be maintained and increased and that, therefore, a way should be found of putting these vessels back into production in hands other than those of Japanese origin, and otherwise consistent with the needs of national defence and security, as well as with due regard to the equity of the Japanese Canadian owners;

That it is, therefore, deemed desirable to implement the release of these Japanese Canadian fishing vessels in accordance with the above considerations; and

That such a purpose could best be accomplished by the establishment of a committee to consist of three persons, with a jurist to act as chairman, another to be appointed from the Department of National Defence (Naval Services), and the third to be chosen to represent the Japanese Canadian owners.

The Minister, therefore, with the concurrence of the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, recommends that, under the authority of the War Measures Act,-

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The Honourable Sidney A. Smith,
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and
Kishizo Kimura,
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be hereby constituted a committee on the disposal
of Japanese fishing vessels, the duties of the said
committee to be:

- (1) To make such arrangements as will make it possible for the present owners of detained vessels to freely negotiate for charters, leases, or sales of such vessels as they own to persons other than those of Japanese origin, provided that the committee approve of such charters, leases, or sales, which approval shall be a prerequisite for the use of such vessel under fishing license.
- (2) Where necessary, to arbitrate disagreements on price between owners and intending purchasers with a view to preventing advantage being taken of duress.
- (3) To report on claims which may be made on the government for damage to, or deterioration of, the vessels and equipment while under detention.
- (4) To report on claims which may be made on the government for the returning of the detained vessels from their present storage place to places where they were picked up.
- (5) By consultation with the Department of Fisheries, to determine which of the detained vessels shall first come under the arrangements to be put back into production.
- (6) To report on steps that should be taken to dispose of vessels which the present owners are unable to sell, charter, lease or otherwise transfer.

That the committee be authorized to employ stenographic and other assistance and to incur such other expenses as they find necessary to facilitate the fulfilment of their function as outlined above, with actual travelling and living expenses as may be approved by the Minister of Fisheries;

That/

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That the committee, which shall act without remuneration, be paid travelling and living expenses while away from their place of residence on the work of the committee where these are not already provided for; and

That the cost of the committee be charged against the War Appropriation.

The Committee concur in the foregoing recommendations and submit the same for approval.

W. L. Murray

*Approved,
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All of which is respectfully submitted,

President.

PRIVY COUNCIL CHAMBER

Ottawa, 13th January 1942.
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