

Canadian Foreign Intelligence History Project

DND DHH Finding Aid 2002/26 - Joint Intelligence Committee Fonds

**Content ID:** 445

**Fonds no:** 2002/26

**Provenance Per:**

**Provenance Corp:** Canada. Dept. of External Affairs. Joint Intelligence Committee

**Title:** Joint Intelligence Committee fonds

**Date:** 1959, 1962

**Date Reproduced:**

**Extent:** 1 file of textual records

**Admin History:** The Joint Intelligence Committee was created in November 1942 by a decision of the Chiefs of Staff Committee and consisted of the directors of intelligence of the three armed forces services. Although initially it concentrated on wartime security, it was equipped to receive, send, store, and handle top-secret intelligence material derived from intercepted communications of all kinds and was linked by dedicated, secure, landlines and transatlantic undersea cables to London, Washington, NORAD headquarters, and elsewhere. In July 1945, the Chiefs of Staff Committee approved the recommendation that representatives from External Affairs and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police be invited to participate in all meetings, and in 1946 its Chairmanship passed permanently into the hands of External Affairs. In 1959 it was suggested that a senior interdepartmental group of officials from External Affairs, Trade and Commerce, and the Bank of Canada should be created to which the Joint Intelligence Committee would report on economic intelligence matters. A year later, it formed the Economic Intelligence Committee, with the Joint Intelligence Bureau providing the secretariat. In 1960 the Joint Intelligence Committee reported directly to the Chiefs of Staff Committee on military intelligence matters. The committee assembled, evaluated and presented jointly such intelligence as may had been required by the Chiefs of Staff Committee. It comprised a representative of the Department of External Affairs (who was the Chairman), the Service Directors of Intelligence, the RCMP, the Director of the Joint Intelligence Bureau, the Director of Scientific Intelligence and representatives of other Departments and Agencies.

**Bio History:**

**Custodial History:**

**Scope and Content:** Fonds consists of two papers entitled "The Maritime Threat to Canada 1963-1973" and "An Assessment of the Low-Level Threat to North America". The former paper estimated the threat from the Soviet Navy and Naval Air Force during 1963-1973 which might had involved Canada and Canadian Maritime forces. The latter paper was an assessment of the

present and future likelihood of the Soviets employing low-level penetration tactics in bomber attacks on targets in North America.

**Variant Title Note:**

**Source Supplied Title:**

**Physical Description:**

**Immediate Source of Acquisition:** Fonds received 9 February 1975 from NATO Maritime Command Headquarters.

**Language:** English

**Location of Originals:**

**Restrictions:** None

**Classification:** Unclassified

**Accruals:** No further accruals are expected.

**Finding Aid:** None

**Related Materials:** The following related records are available in the Document Collection:

80/205 – “The maritime threat to Canada, 1962-1972.” 13 Dec 1961

81/95 – “Situation in Cyprus and the future of UNFICYP.” 21 Jul 1971 [CLASSIFIED]

81/96 – “The FLQ; operations outside Canada.” [CLASSIFIED]

81/110 – “Soviet likely courses of action over the next five years.” 19 Aug 1970 [CLASSIFIED]

81/111 – “Soviet strengths and capabilities.” 8 Jul 1970. [CLASSIFIED]

81/133 – “The threat to Canada from subversion, espionage and sabotage.” 7 Jan 1970.  
[CLASSIFIED]

81/136 – “The likelihood of nuclear weapons development in additional countries.” 15 Jul 1970.  
[CLASSIFIED]

82/456 – “Soviet and Eastern European air, space and maritime intelligence gathering activities against Canada.” 21 May 1970. [CLASSIFIED]

Researchers should also consult the Kardex catalogue under the heading “Joint Intelligence Committee”.

**Associated Material:**

**Conservation Notes:**

**Other Notes:**

**Subject Heading Per:**

**Subject Heading Cor:**

**Subject Heading:** Military intelligence - Canada  
Soviet Union - Military policy  
Canada - Defences  
Strategic bombing

**Other Accession Points Per:**

**Other Accession Points Corp:**

**AKA/ALIAS:**

**Images/Illustrations:**

**Internal Notes:** "The Maritime Threat to Canada 1963-1973" was previously accessioned as 75/107, and "An Assessment of the Low-Level Threat to North America" was previously accessioned as 75/108. They were both deaccessioned and then reaccessioned as 2002/26 on 17 Dec 2002. The two documents were found by Caitlin McCallum in the Student Working Area the same day.

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**Language Note:**

**Dates Predominant:**

**Descriptive Level:** Fonds