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*From Base
Station*

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER

Via: Chief, Aids to Navigation Division

Subj: Unit 55; request for fuel oil system; LND Fm. 2609 (HQ#13109)

1. This station is located on foreign territory and its continued operation by the U.S. is therefore subject to question. In view of the peculiar status of the Newfoundland government, it is difficult at this time to make a good prediction as to the answer, but it is possible that arrangements may be made for us to continue the station for some time after termination of hostilities. I have noted that the senior military commander in the various military areas of Newfoundland was a Canadian, and if units other than Newfoundland are to operate there the odds are that they will be Canadian or British. The correspondence indicates that there is enough oil on hand to last about eighteen months, so that the project is not very urgent. However, I would recommend that steps be started now to accomplish the project.
2. It is suggested that, instead of a truck adapted to carry a tank, a trailer-type tank be provided, and that the unit be provided with a standard 2½-ton truck, or preferably that correspondence be held with the unit to ascertain if the terrain is such that the lighter 1½-ton truck could be used.
3. In view of the reduced activities at the Argentia base, it may be feasible to obtain a truck for transfer from that unit and thereby save the cost of transportation from the States to Newfoundland.
4. The small gasoline-driven pumps used for water tanks by the amphibious force might make a desirable pumping unit which could be attached to the trailer unit.

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Subj. Fm., 10/26/44 (\$1,250),
with blue prints

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