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Dear General Goodpaster:

The designation of command positions and geographic divisions necessary to the establishment of major Command Sectors in the Continental Air Defense of Canada and the United States in peacetime constitutes a matter of political sensitivity in both countries, since it necessitates cutting across national boundaries. This sensitivity was noted by the Deputy Under Secretary of State in a letter to the Secretary of Defense on June 19, 1957. The Department of State at that time envisaged three Sectors within Canada and the United States, all of which would include territory and forces of both countries. Of the three Sectors, it was anticipated that at least one would be commanded by a Canadian, a matter that was considered highly important from a political viewpoint. The Department of State endorsed the principle that in those geographic areas including territory of both countries and/or forces of both countries, the Commander and the Deputy should not normally be from the same country.

The Commander-in-Chief, North American Air Defense Command, (CINCNORAD) has devised a North American Air Defense (NORAD) Command Position proposal based upon Semi-Automatic Ground Environment - Federal Aviation Agency (SAGE-FAA) air defense boundaries. In this proposal, the sub-divisions vary from those originally contemplated, in that ten major sub-divisions instead of three are proposed. The inclosure hereto is a photostatic copy indicating the proposed divisions and boundaries, except the 32nd and 33rd Regions located in Southern United States. It will be seen that in five of the six Regions involving both United States and Canadian territory, the proposal contemplates utilization of Canadian officers as Commanders or Deputy Commanders, and that in four Sectors involving United States territory, Canadian officers will be designated either as Commanders or Deputy Commanders. The designation of Commanders on the proposed pattern follows principles set forth in the Eighth Report of the Canada-United States Military Study Group. These principles are:

- a. In those geographic areas lying only in one country and containing only forces of that country, the Commander and staff should be from that country.



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- b. In those geographic areas including territory of both countries and/or forces of both countries, the Commander and his Deputy shall not normally be from the same country. (It is the view of the Joint Chiefs of Staff that this principle should not be interpreted to preclude the designation of the Commander and his Deputy from the same country when forces or territory of the other country are very small.)

The present proposal for a NORAD Command Position is consonant with the Terms of Reference of CINCNORAD, which stipulate, among other provisions, that in carrying out his mission he will establish such subordinate organizations as are necessary for the accomplishment of his mission. The proposal for the apportionment of Canadian and United States officers filling the positions of Commanders and Deputy Commanders in the respective Regions and Sectors, has been approved by the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and concurred in by the Chairman of the Canadian Chiefs of Staff Committee, with approval of the Canadian Defense Committee.

The Department of State has been apprised of the NORAD proposal and has raised no objections.

It will be appreciated if this Department can be advised of the domestic political implications of the proposed arrangements prior to notification by the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, of approval to CINCNORAD.

Sincerely yours,



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Chart, NORAD Command
Position Proposal

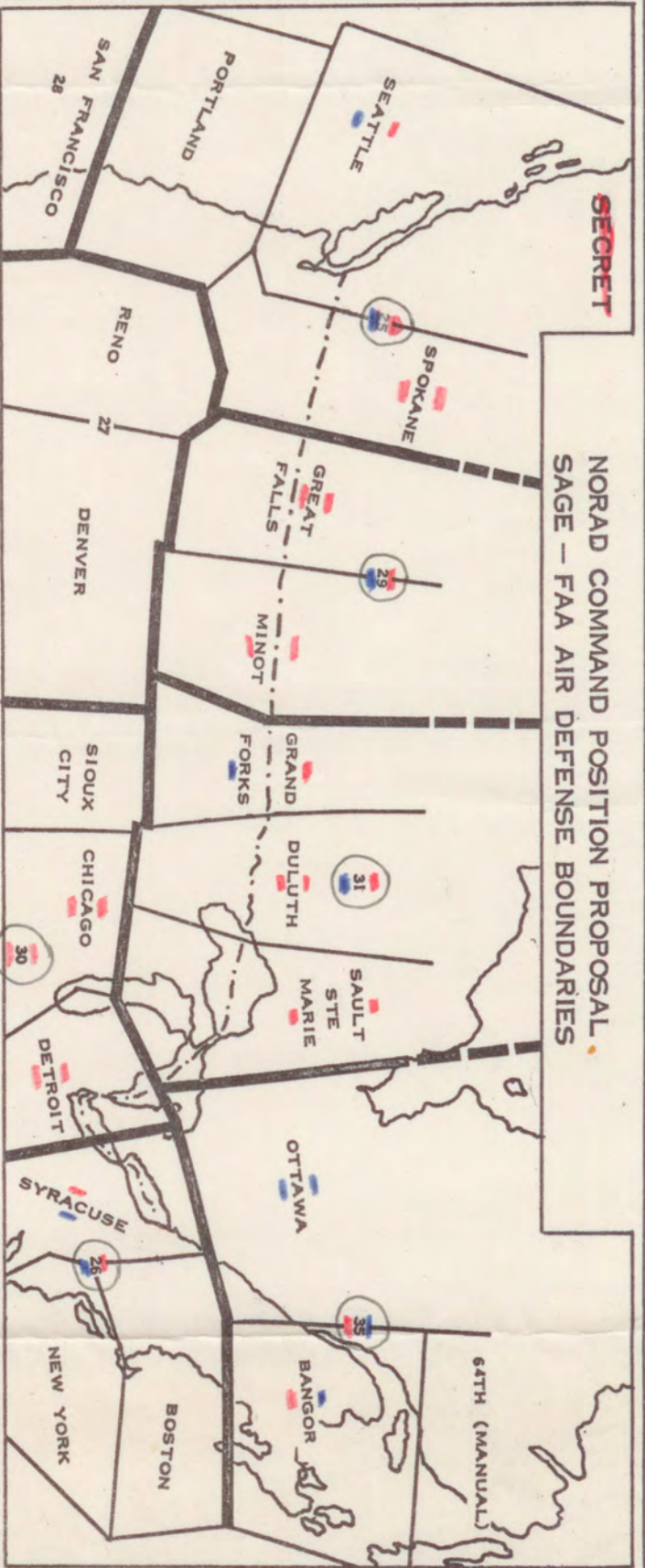
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NORAD COMMAND POSITION PROPOSAL
SAGE - FAA AIR DEFENSE BOUNDARIES



	COMDR	DEPUTY COMDR		COMDR	DEPUTY COMDR
25TH REGION	U.S.	CAN.			
SEATTLE SECTOR	U.S.	CAN.	35TH REGION	CAN.	U.S.
SPOKANE SECTOR	U.S.	U.S.	OTTAWA SECTOR	CAN.	CAN.
			BANGOR SECTOR	CAN.	U.S.
29TH REGION	U.S.	CAN.			
GREAT FALLS SECTOR	U.S.	U.S.	26TH REGION	U.S.	U.S.
MINOT SECTOR	U.S.	U.S.	SYRACUSE SECTOR	U.S.	CAN.
31ST REGION	U.S.	CAN.			
GRAND FORKS SECTOR	U.S.	CAN.	30TH REGION	U.S.	U.S.
DULUTH SECTOR	U.S.	U.S.	DETROIT SECTOR	U.S.	U.S.
SLT STE MARIE SECTOR	U.S.	U.S.			

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