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- 5. Not applicable.
- 6. (a) No; (b) Not applicable; (c) No; (d) Yes; it is not known whether or not it was signed.
- 7. Yes; request for an investigation of the actions of various persons in respect of Mr. Heakes' proceedings in bankruptcy; no.
- 8. There is no record on file of a letter to the Solicitor General from Mr. Heakes dated June 4, however, a copy of an undated letter from Mr. Heakes to the Solicitor General was received at that time and is probably the letter referred to; the foregoing letter was not acknowledged.
 - 9. Yes: no.
- 10. Yes; some of this correspondence has been acknowledged by the Office of the Prime Minister and by the Office of the Solicitor General. The Ministers mentioned above have been the recipients of a constant flow of correspondence from Mr. Heakes in recent months, often of a repetitious nature and often at a rate of several letters a day. This correspondence refers mainly to the problems experienced by Mr. Heakes as a result of a bankruptcy in which he was involved several years ago but contains as well allegations by him of conspiracy and libel, of mail tampering and of police harassment. It has been pointed out to Mr. Heakes that his problems are essentially within the jurisdiction of the provincial government. For these reasons much of the correspondence received has been unanswered as it would appear to serve no useful purpose to continue to do so.

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT— PERCENTAGE OF GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT ALLOCATED THERETO

Question No. 2,624—Mr. Orlikow:

- 1. Has the Government of Canada or the President of the Treasury Board set a goal regarding the percentage amount of the Canadian Gross National Product that should be allocated annually toward scientific research and development expenditures as stated by the Science Council of Canada in their Third Annual Report?
- 2. If so, what is that percentage and what criteria was used in its determination?
- 3. Has any target year date been set regarding the above percentage allocation of research and development expenditures?

Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board): 1. No.

- 2. Not applicable.
- 3. Not applicable.

SCIENCE COUNCIL—ANALYSIS OF THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

Question No. 2,625-Mr. Orlikow:

- 1. Which government agency or department is analyzing the recommendations of the Third Annual Report of the Science Council of Canada?
- 2. When is it anticipated that the above analysis on the Science Council's recommendations will be made public?
- Mr. J. E. Walker (Parliamentary Secretary to Prime Minister): 1 and 2. The Third Annual Report of the Science Council of Canada will be reviewed by the Privy Council Office. Government statements which arise will be announced at the appropriate time after consideration of the opinions of other interested groups.

CANADIAN FILM DEVELOPMENT CORPORA-TION—LOANS FOR PRODUCTIONS

Question No. 2,628-Mr. McCleave:

- 1. How many film productions have the Canadian Film Development Corporation lent money to or invested money in and what are such productions and the amounts involved in each case?
- 2. What proposals for film productions have been turned down by the Corporation, and what was the amount involved in each case?
- 3. What criteria does the Corporation use to establish significant Canadian creative content?
- 4. Does the Corporation require that films be mainly based in Canadian settings?
- 5. Does the Corporation require that films be restricted to plots dealing with Canadian themes?
- Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): I am informed by the Canadian Film Development Corporation as follows: 1. Applications for assistance for loans and investments reach the Corporation by way of requests for financing in: (a) complete feature film productions; (b) versions and other post-production assistance; (c) pre-production (scripts and related expenses).

As of July 9, 1969, the Corporation had lent money to or invested money in three feature film productions: "The Act of the Heart", "The Blast" ("Explosion"), and "La Chambre Blanche".

Due to the confidential nature of negotiations between the applicants, distributors, and other financing parties, the Corporation does not disclose financial details of the films or projects in which it is involved.

2. Eleven proposals for film productions have been refused. The Corporation does not disclose financial details of its negotiations with producers.