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The Cabinet Committee On External Policy And DefenceRECORD OF COMMITTEE DECISION

Meeting of October 18th, 1968

Revision of Passport Procedures To Reduce Frauds

The Committee agreed, subject to an appropriate revision in the fees charged for the issuance of passports, that:

- (a) all Canadians, including natural born, be required to submit proof of citizenship, those claiming citizenship by birth be required to submit either a birth certificate or acceptable alternative evidence of birth;
- (b) no change be made to the existing guarantor system and requirements but this policy should be reviewed whenever a personal appearance procedure is introduced;
- (c) persons who submit a Statutory Declaration in Lieu of Guarantor be required to complete a detailed questionnaire in support of their applications in the form of the questionnaire attached to Cab. Doc. 651-68;
- (d) the period of total validity of a passport be limited to five years;
- (e) the provinces be invited to introduce measures for securing effective confirmation of an applicant's entitlement to a birth certificate before such a document is granted;
- (f) passport applications not be accepted when they are submitted on behalf of clients by travel agents who have also served the applicant as a Commissioner for Oaths or as a Notary Public in completing a Statutory Declaration in Lieu of Guarantor as a supporting document;