

public must be well-informed, and although a tremendous mass of published information about the United Nations is readily available, I don't think that it replaces the desirability of first-hand contact between interested citizens and those who represent them at the U.N.

4. During the period of my assignment to our U.N. Mission in New York I was always very conscious of, and encouraged by, the fact that the level of interest in the United Nations and support for its objectives is at least as high, and probably higher, in Canada than anywhere else in the world. But since my return to Ottawa I have become equally aware of the need to reinforce interest with knowledge. These past few years have been eventful ones for the U.N. and I think it is very important that the significance of developments during this period should be fully appreciated so that our attitude toward the Organization and toward our role and opportunities as a member state may be based on sound premises.