The Department of External Affairs announces that the third meeting of the Anglo-Canadian Cultural and Information Consultations took place in Ottawa on May 5 and 6.

The British Delegation was led by Mr. Ronald Scrivener, Assistant Under-Secretary for Information and Cultural Relations of the British Foreign Office and the Canadian delegation was led by Mr. Patrick Reid, Director-General of the Bureau of Public Affairs, Department of External Affairs.

These annual consultations, which are informal in nature, reviewed progress achieved since the last meeting in the cultural relations between the two countries in such areas as scholarships, exchanges of professors and teachers, youth exchanges and exchanges of specialists in various disciplines, and programmes of cultural diffusion such as tours of performing groups, exhibitions and the world of books. They particularly welcomed the creation of a chair of Canadian studies at the University of Edinburgh. They also exchanged information on future plans and agreed to explore further a number of new projects proposed.

On the information side, there was a useful exchange of views on the policies and implementation of information work throughout the world and areas of mutual co-operation were examined.

Concurrently with these meetings, representatives of the Governments of the United Kingdom and Canada and of the respective film industries met and agreed on the draft of a films co-production agreement which will be recommended for approval to both Governments. The agreement will encourage the production of more films reflecting the national cultures of both countries.

Following the tradition of alternating the location of these consultations between the two countries, the fourth meeting will take place in London in the spring of 1976.