

In many cases, such telegrams could contain press guidance instructions or could be supplemented by special Press Guidance telegrams. Occasionally this unit prepares reviews of Canadian editorial opinion and is responsible for checking on the daily CBC airmail bulletin and the six-page editions of Le Devoir and The Globe and Mail. All these activities have a large content, immediate or potential, for public information activities abroad. A further function of Press & Liaison Division devoted to information outside Canada is its duty of liaison with the International Service of the CBC. This liaison involves the provision of information, including classified, foreign policy guidance and critical examination of scripts broadcast by CBC (I.S.). The Information Division also conducts liaison on information activities with the I.S. but at present not in the policy field or using classified information. The Press & Liaison Division, parallel to and as part of the same process of choosing and summarizing Selected Documents, also provides the Governor General, the Cabinet and the National Defence College with a collation of important reports and memoranda from posts abroad and from the Department.

3. The Information Division of the Department performs a much larger, but not necessarily more important, function in providing material and guidance for information work abroad. The material from this Division has normally been unclassified and has little policy content. It is normally directed to the tasks of providing general and background information about Canada and its people, although more specific programmes are also undertaken. The principal activities of the Division are: